



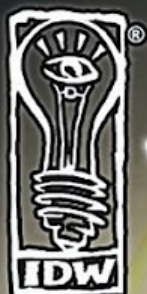
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STORY SO FAR...

The oldest, toughest, and most battle-tested Autobot, Ironhide has been Optimus Prime's friend and bodyguard for millennia. However, Ironhide was recently killed by human agents wielding Cybertronian technology while the gruff-but-kind Autobot was doing what he did best, protecting his friends. But now something stirs on his dormant home planet, Cybertron...

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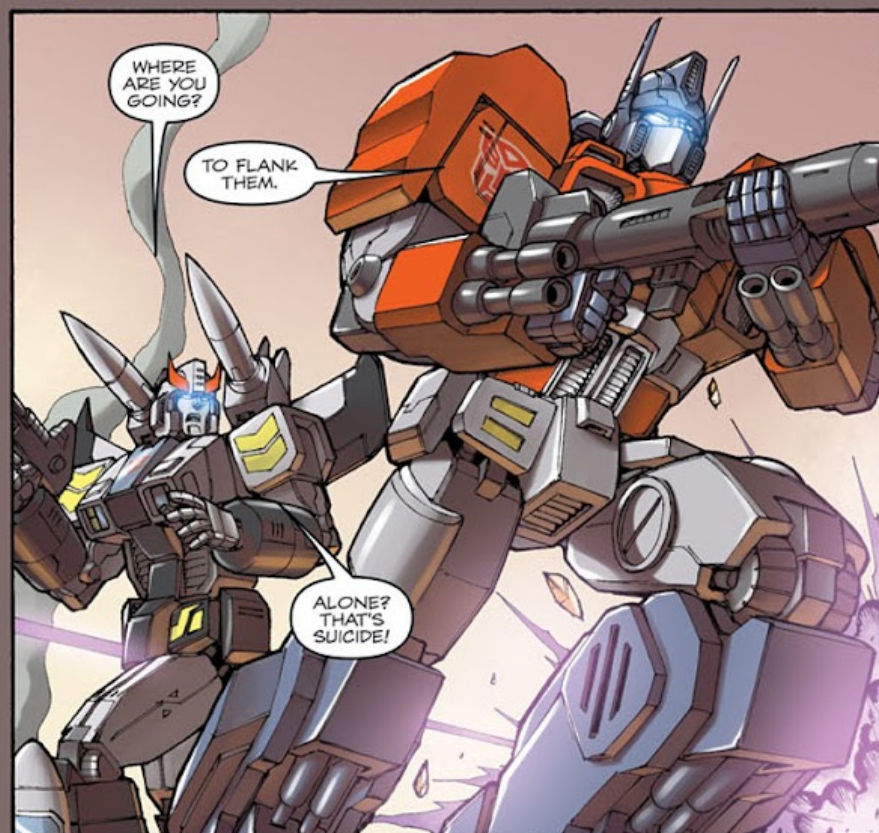
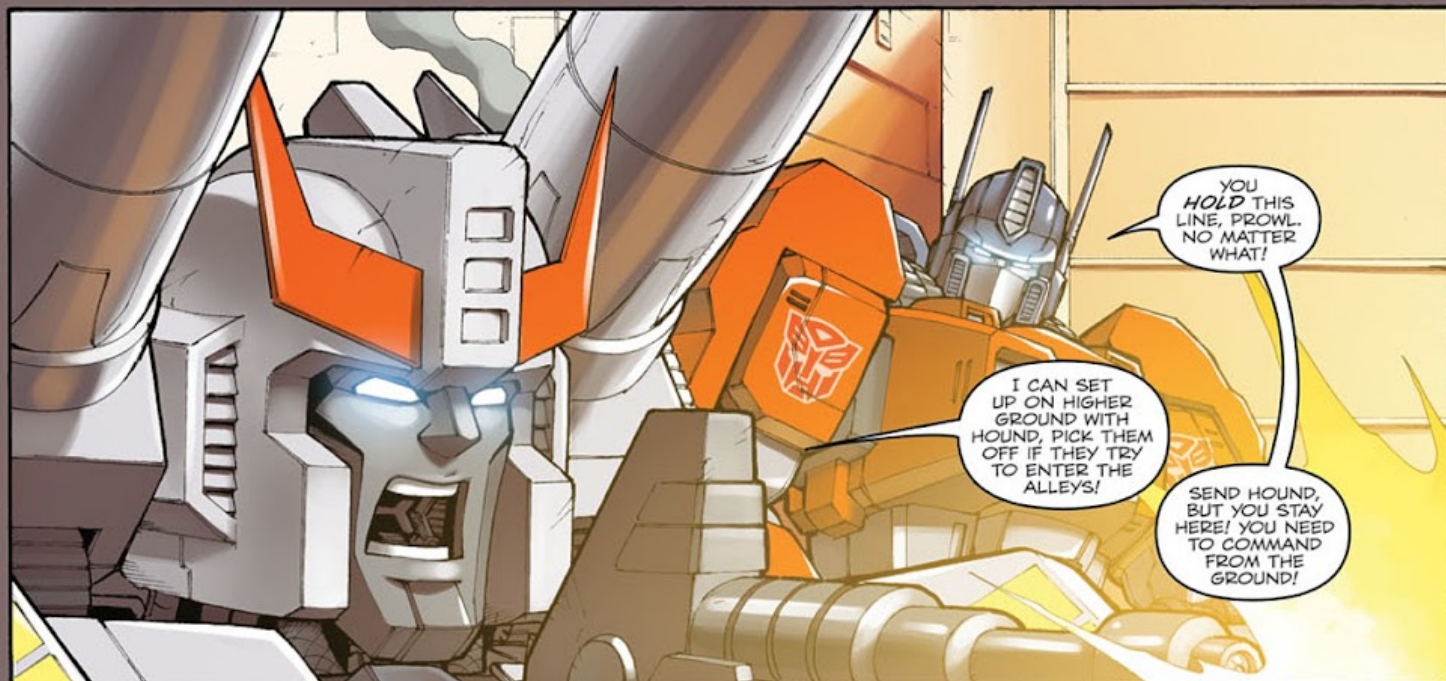
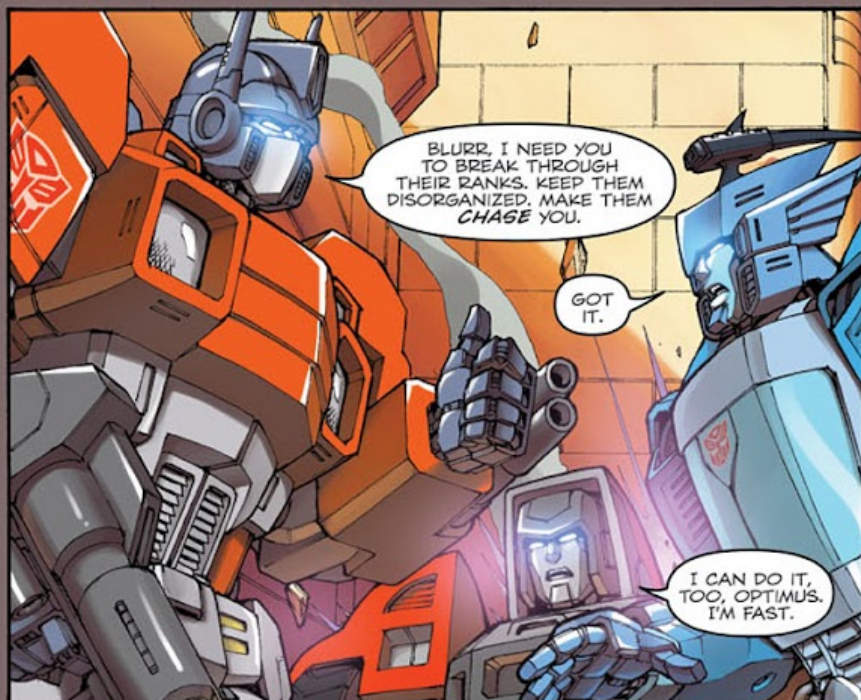
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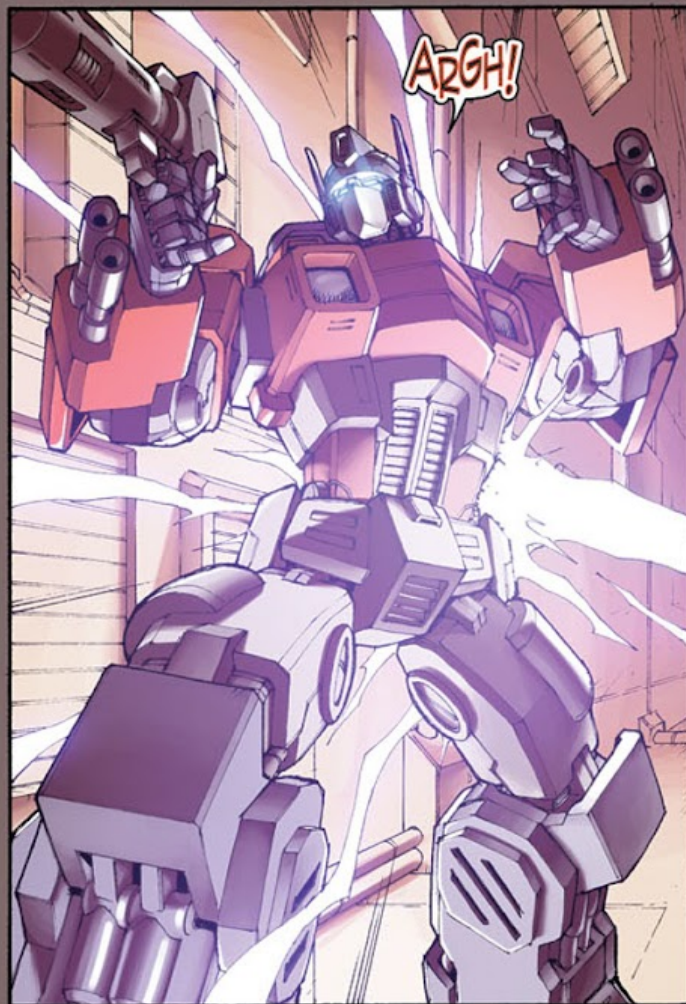
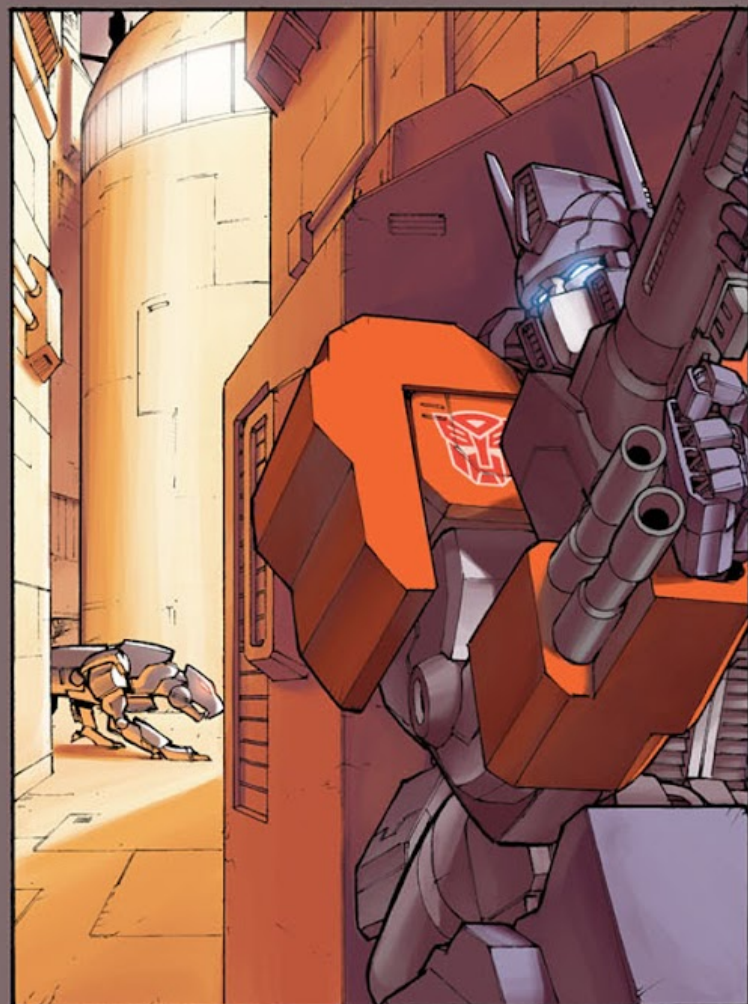
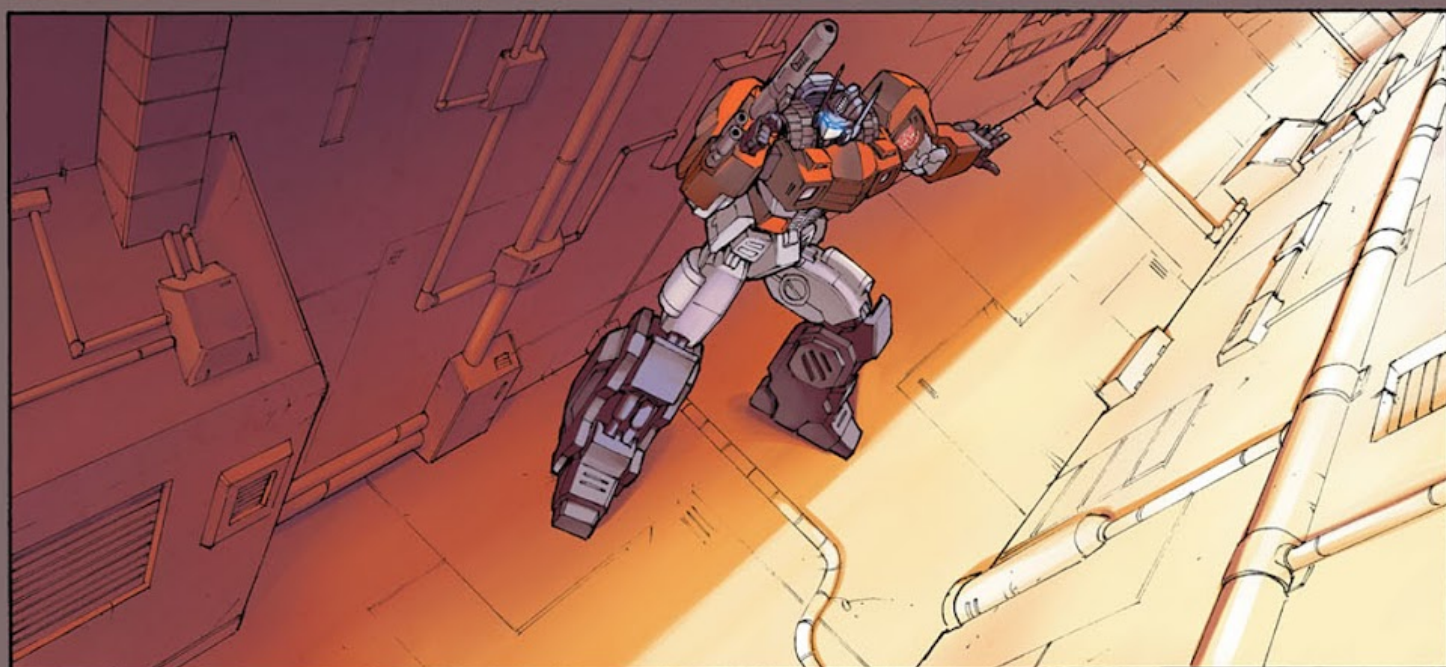
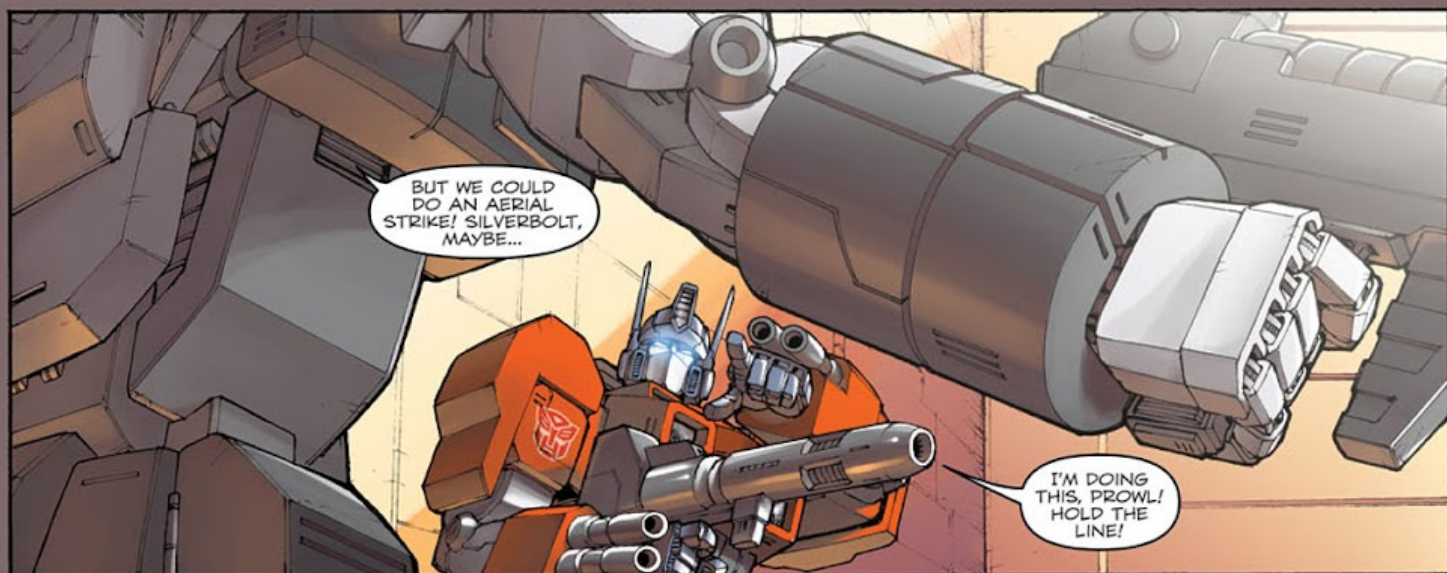


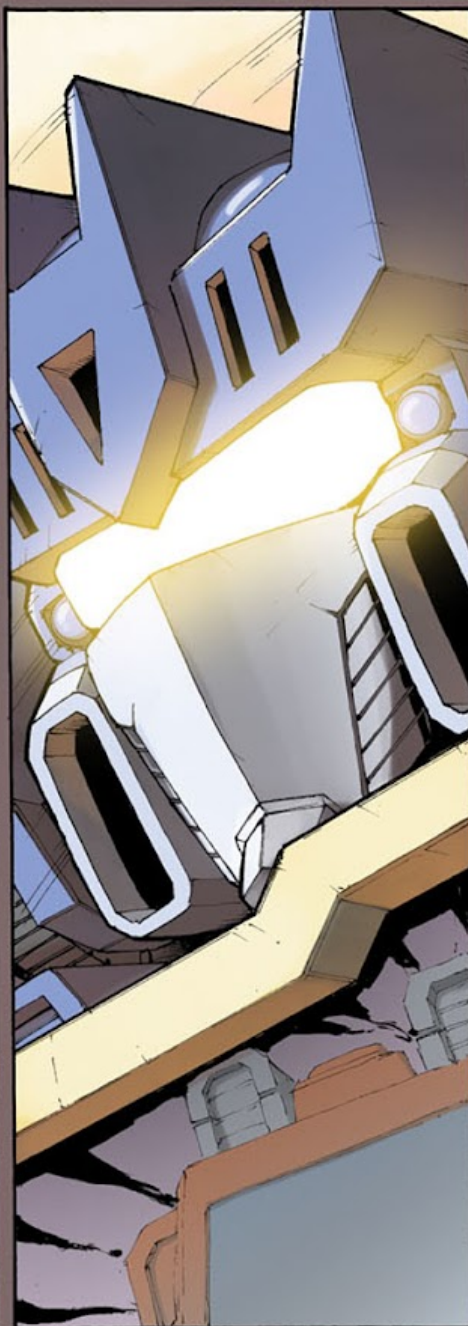
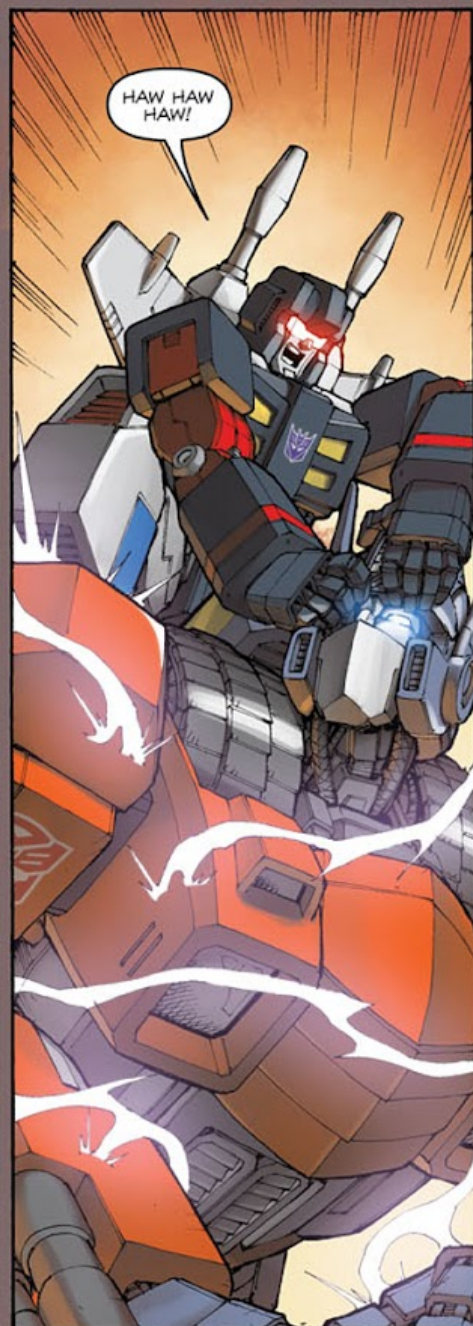
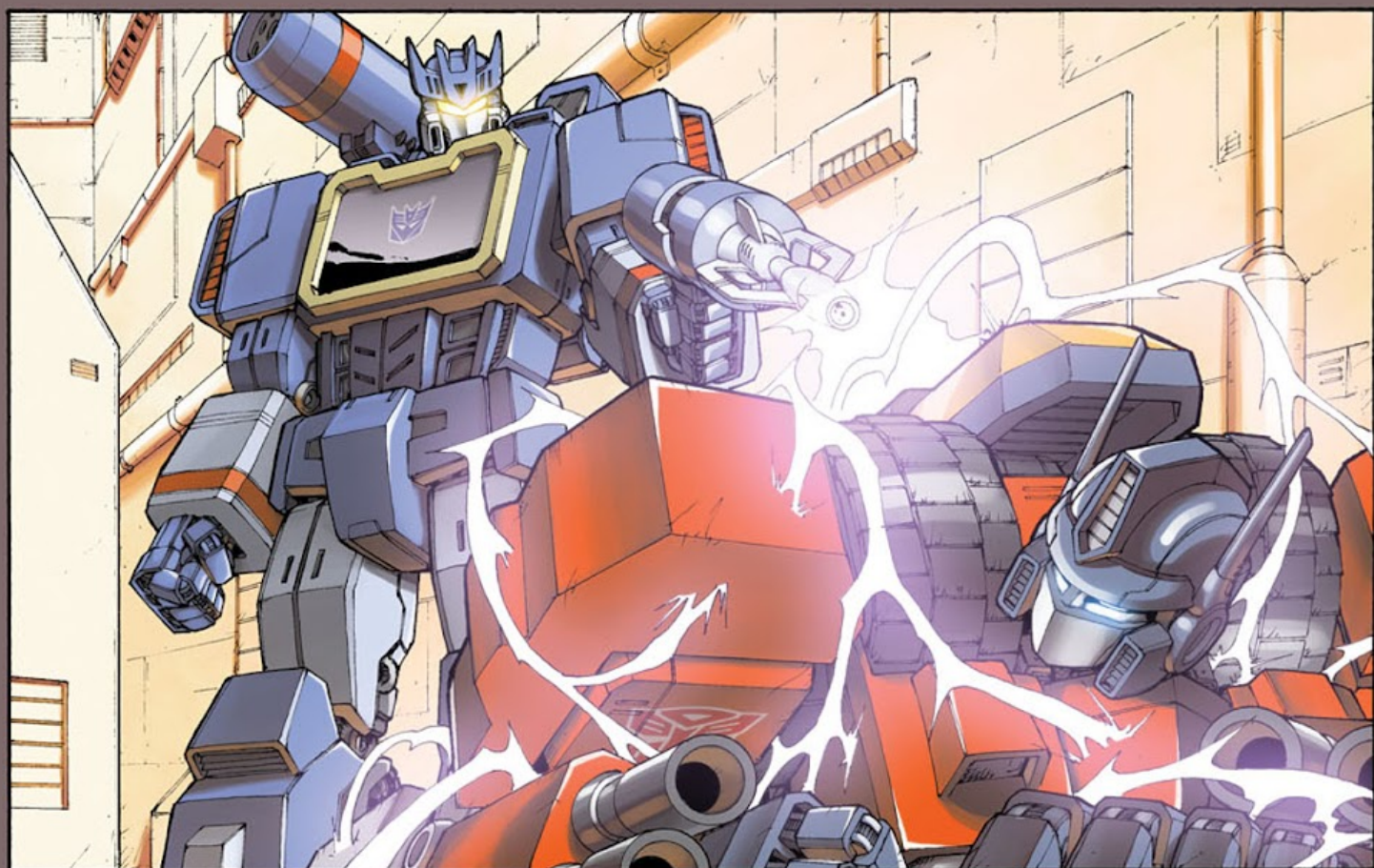
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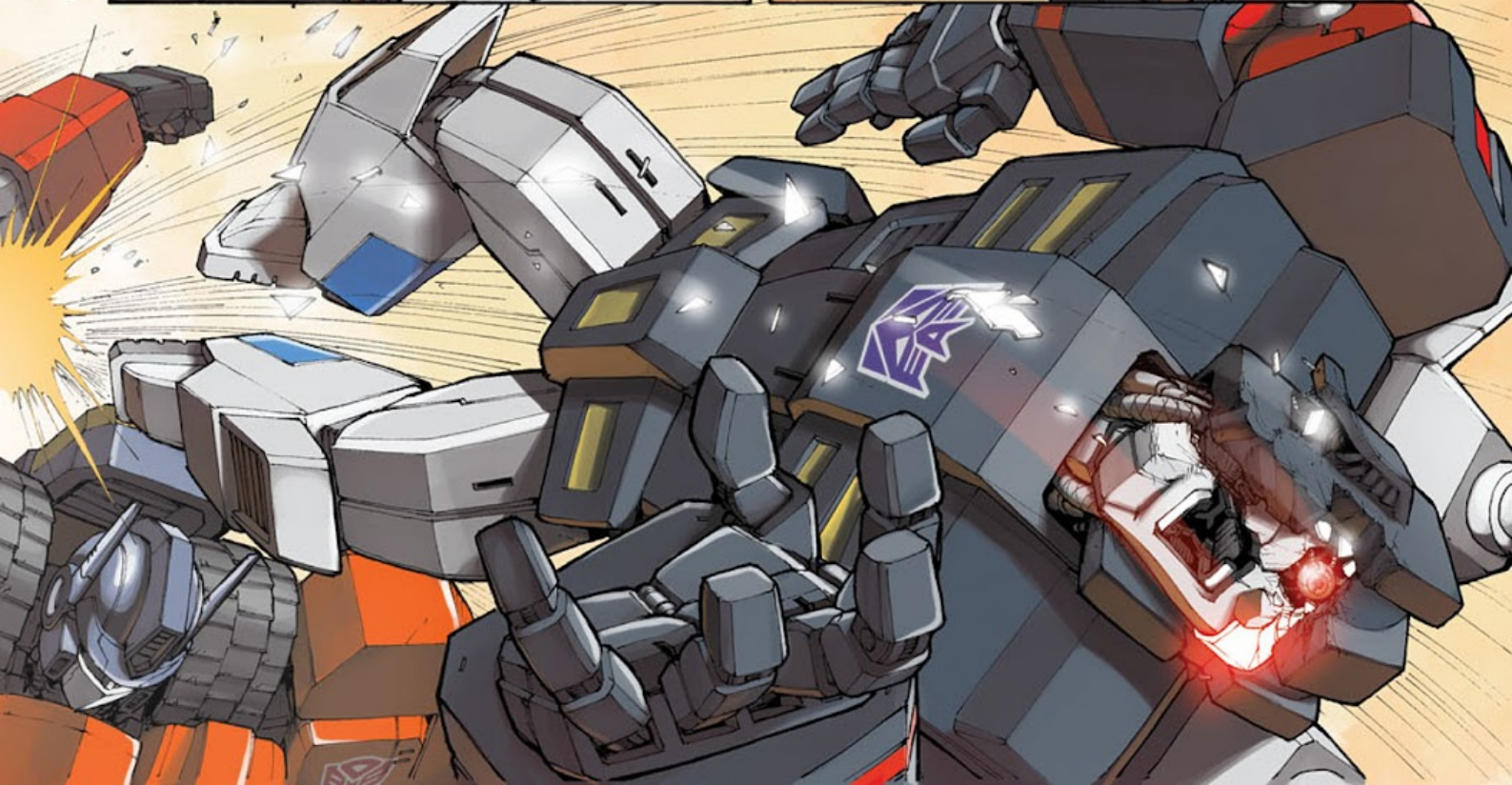
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COME DOWN THE
THOROUGHFARE!
HOLD THEM
BACK!

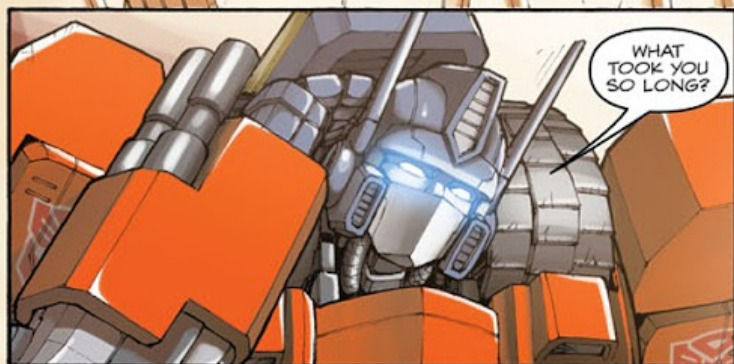








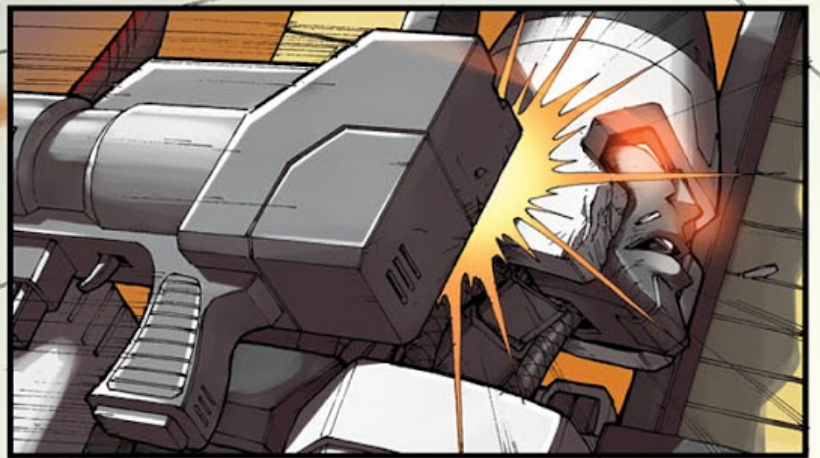
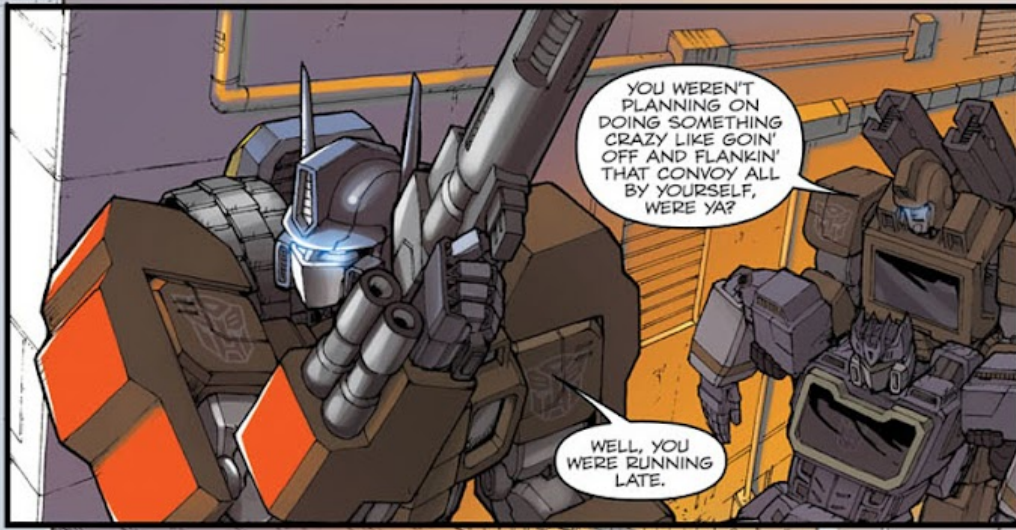


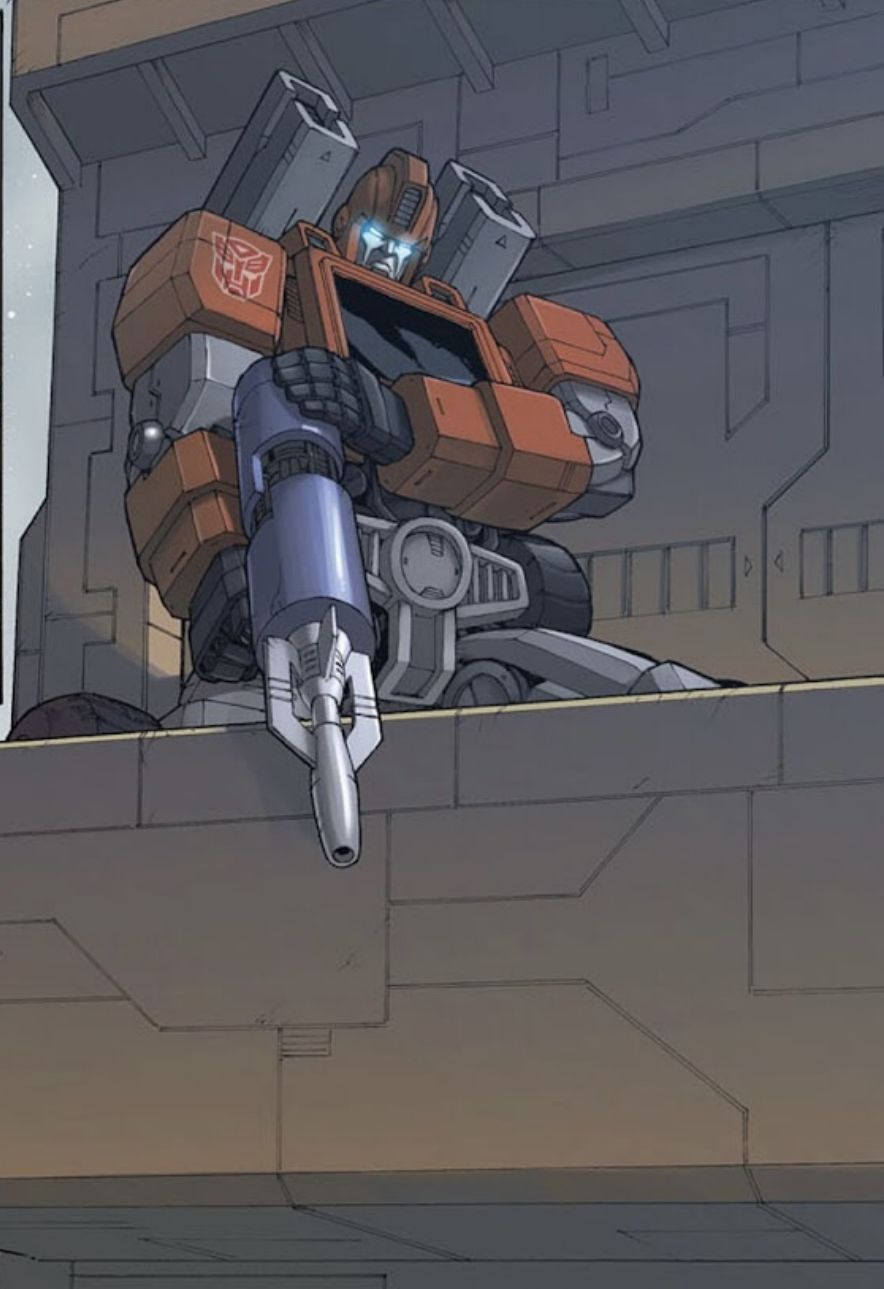
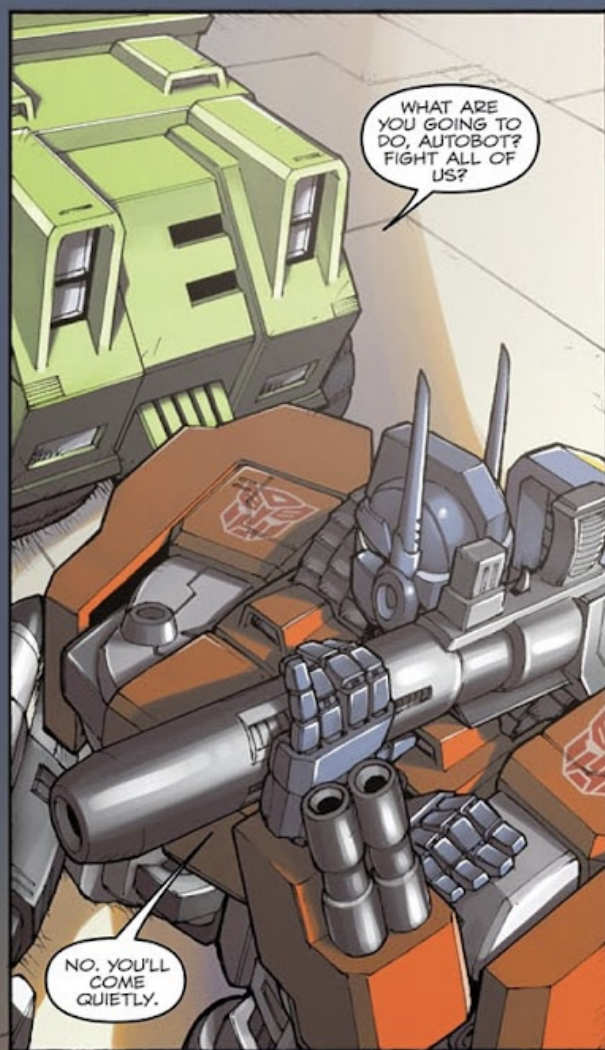


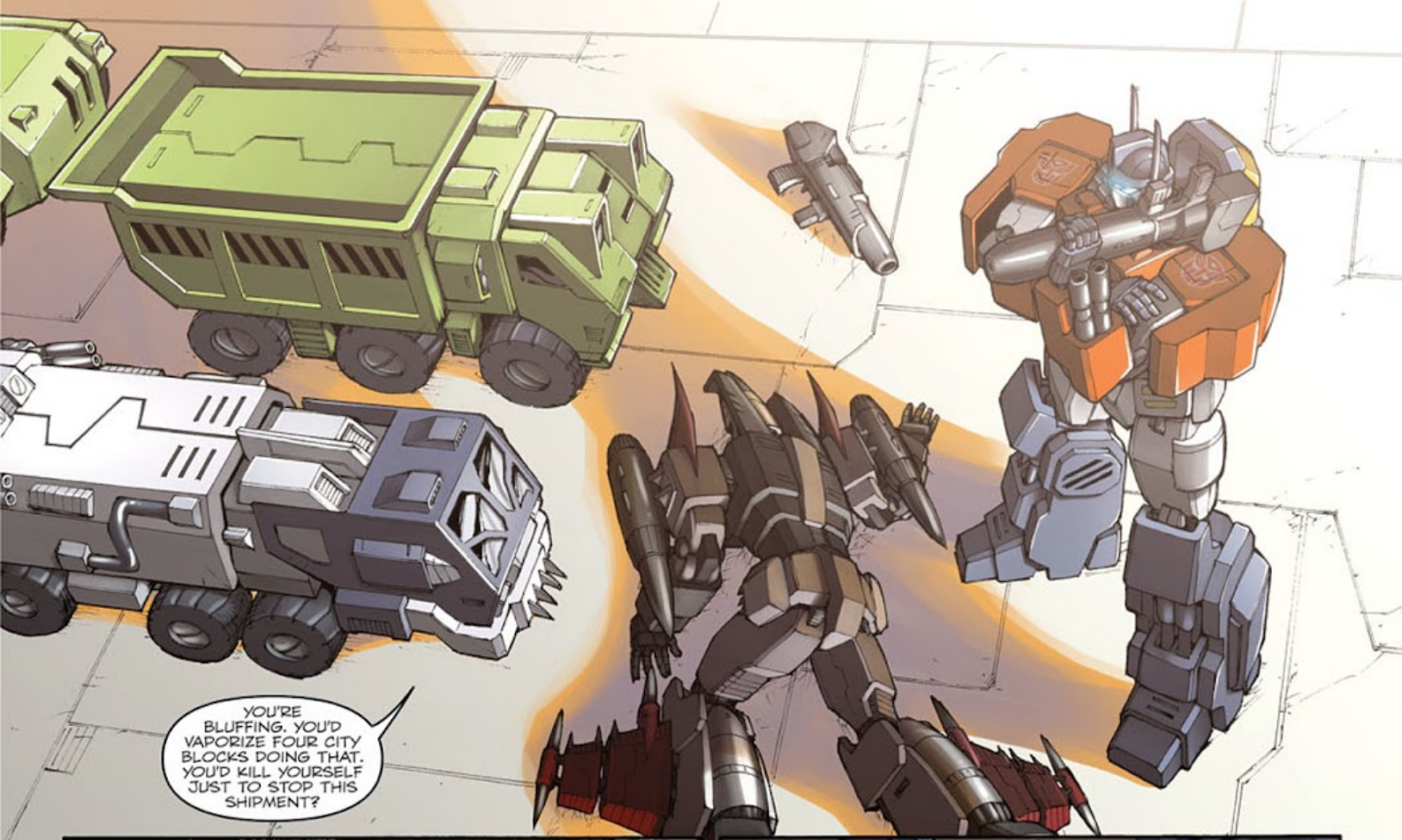
WELL, YOU KNOW ME, OPTIMUS.

SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE.

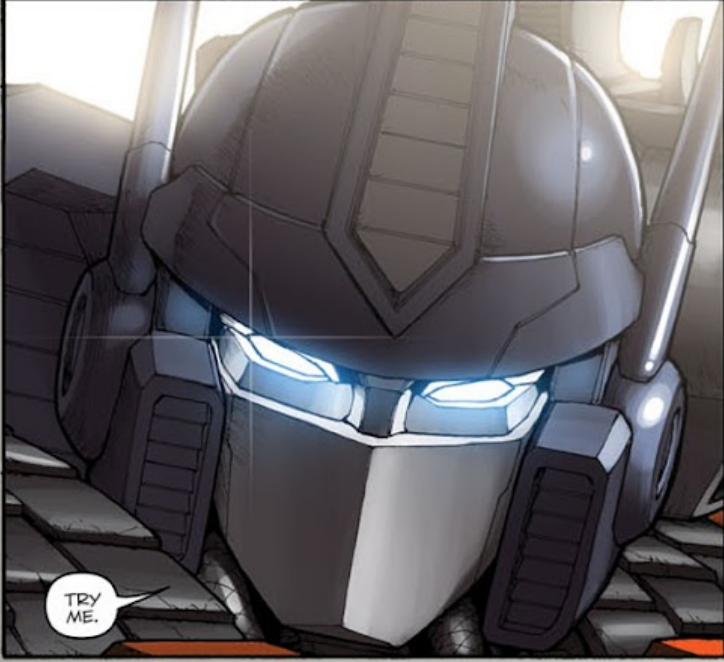
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YOU'RE
BLUFFING. YOU'D
VAPORIZE FOUR CITY
BLOCKS DOING THAT.
YOU'D KILL YOURSELF
JUST TO STOP THIS
SHIPMENT?



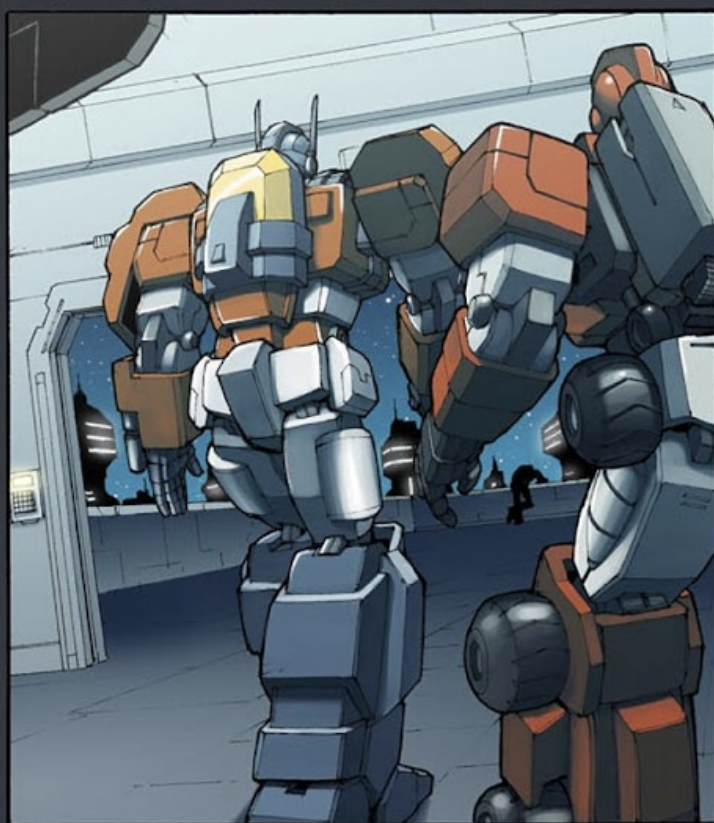
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ME.



HEHEHEH.

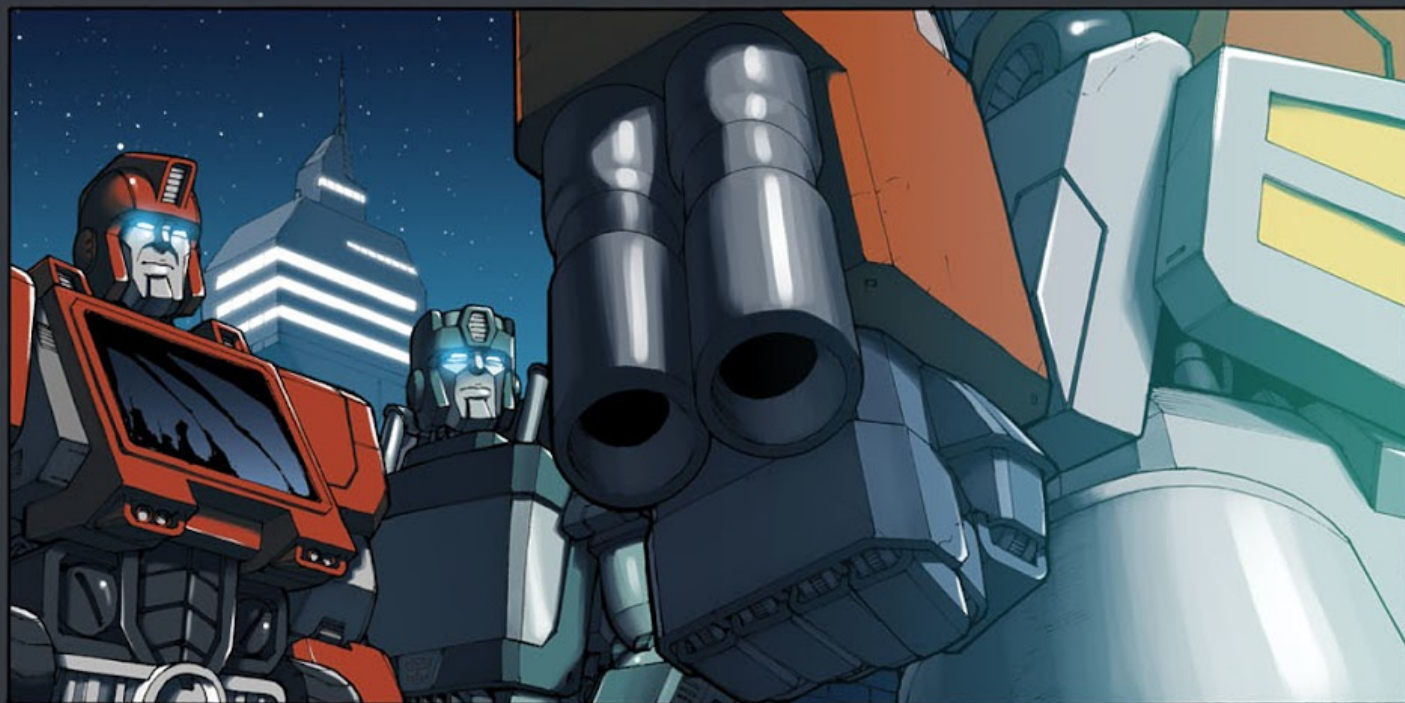


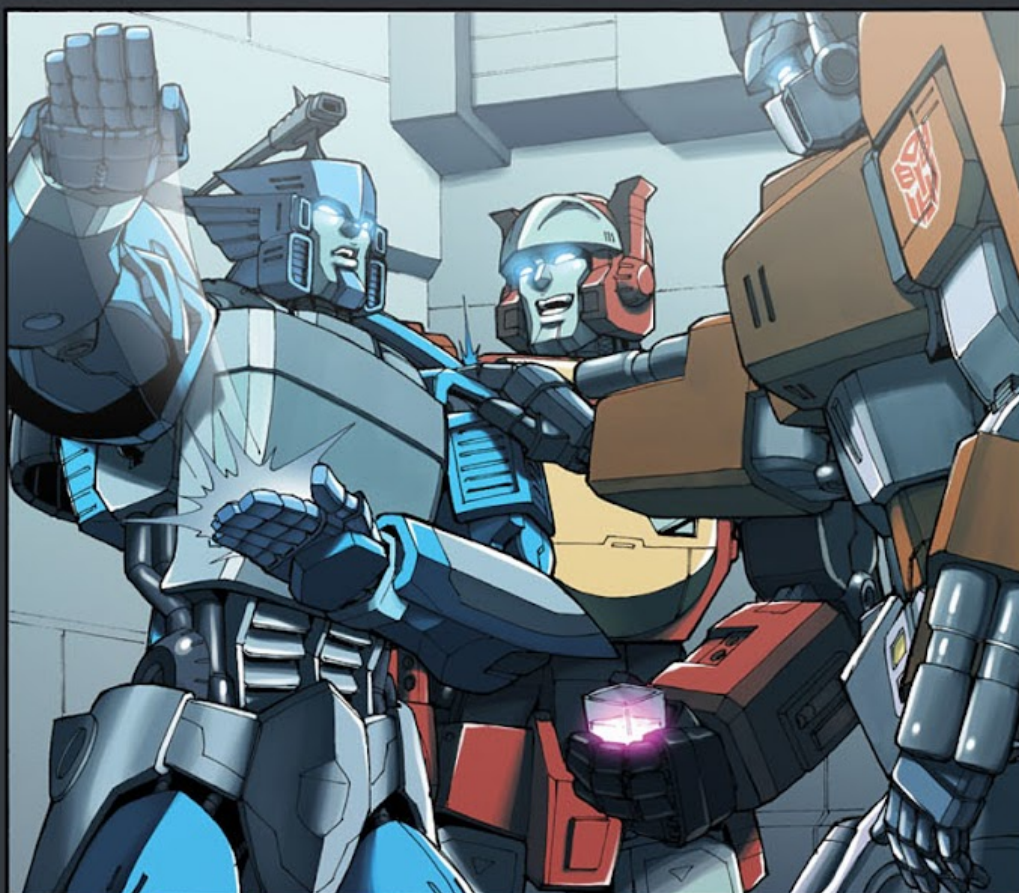
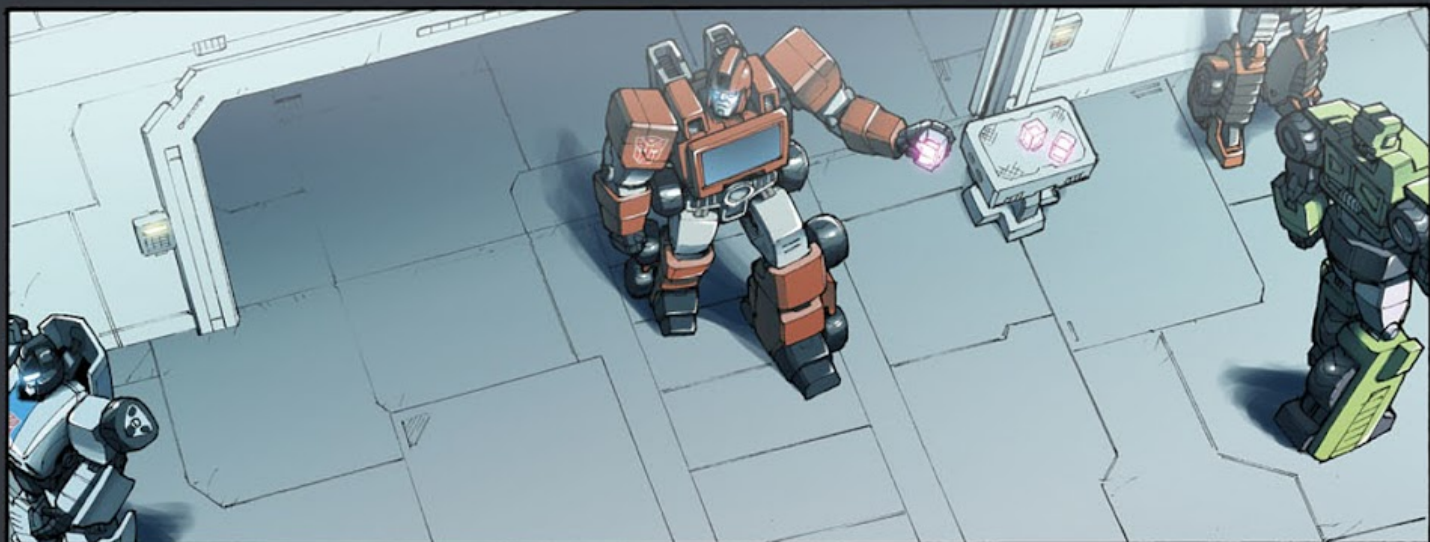
YOU DID
IT, PRIME.



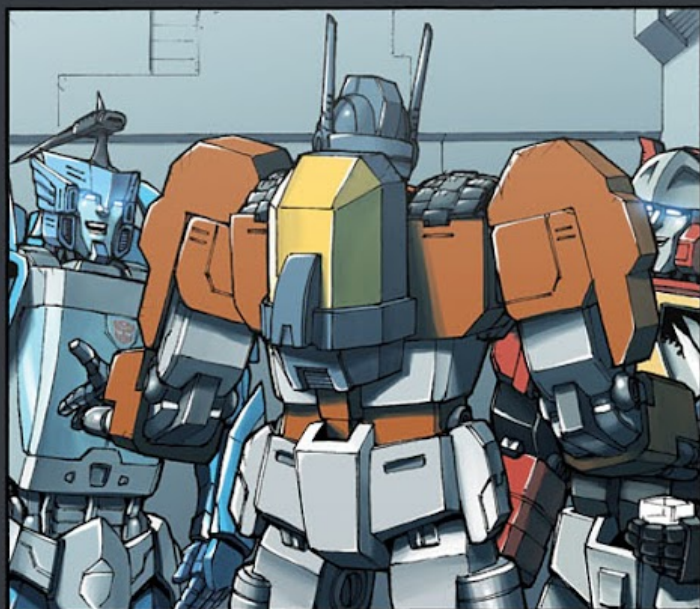


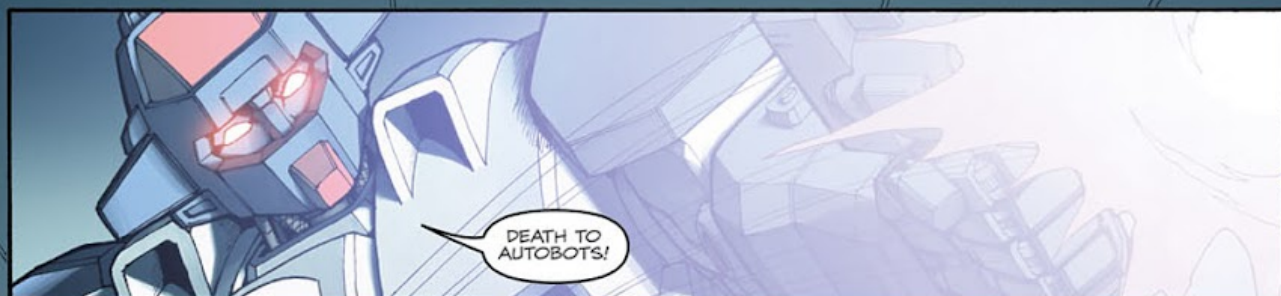
















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TODAY.

WHERE IS
EVERYBODY?

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STORY SO FAR...

During the days of the war on Cybertron, Ironhide served as Optimus Prime's most trusted soldier. After an assassination attempt on Optimus mortally wounds him, Ironhide awakens on present-day Cybertron, with no seeming recollection of his time on Earth. Alone in a war-torn wasteland, Ironhide wanders attempting to figure out what went wrong...

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CYBERTRON!

GLITTERING LIKE AN AMETHYST IN
THE EMPTY, UNFORGIVING VOID!
THERE ARE NO PROMISES IN THE
VACUUM OF SPACE, SAVE ONE...

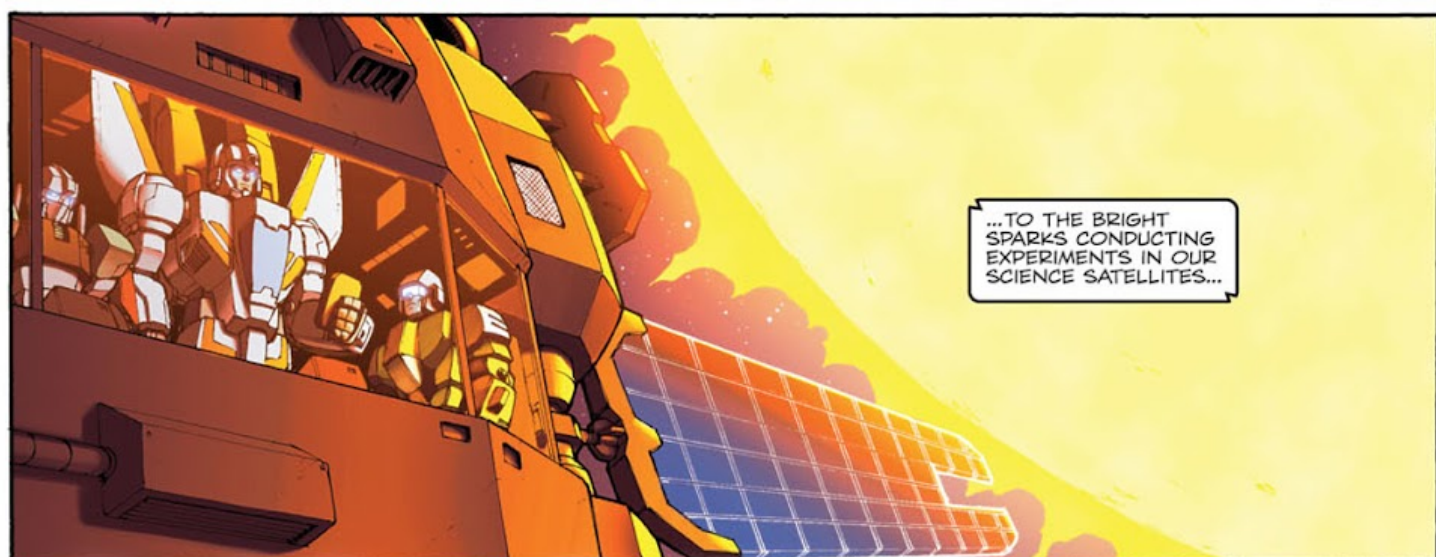




...ON RACE NIGHT,
ALL OPTICS WILL
BE TRAINED HERE!



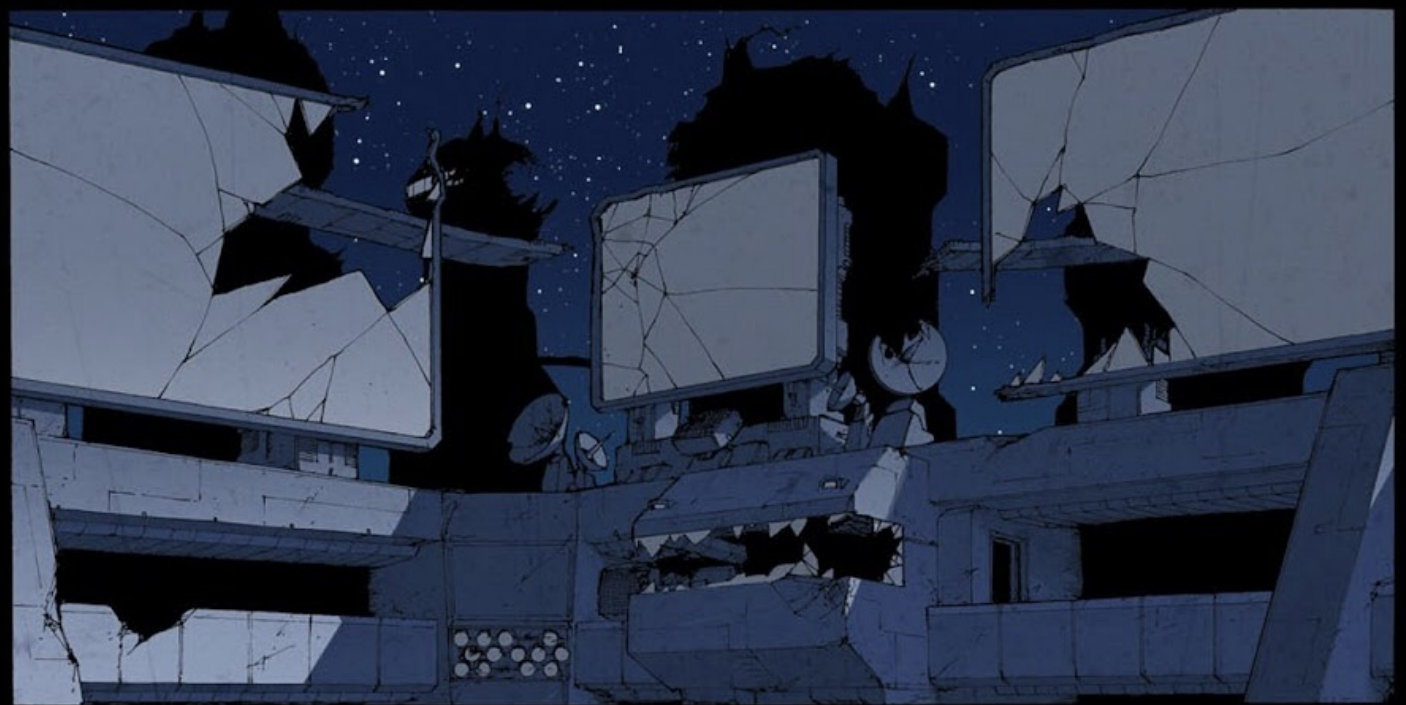
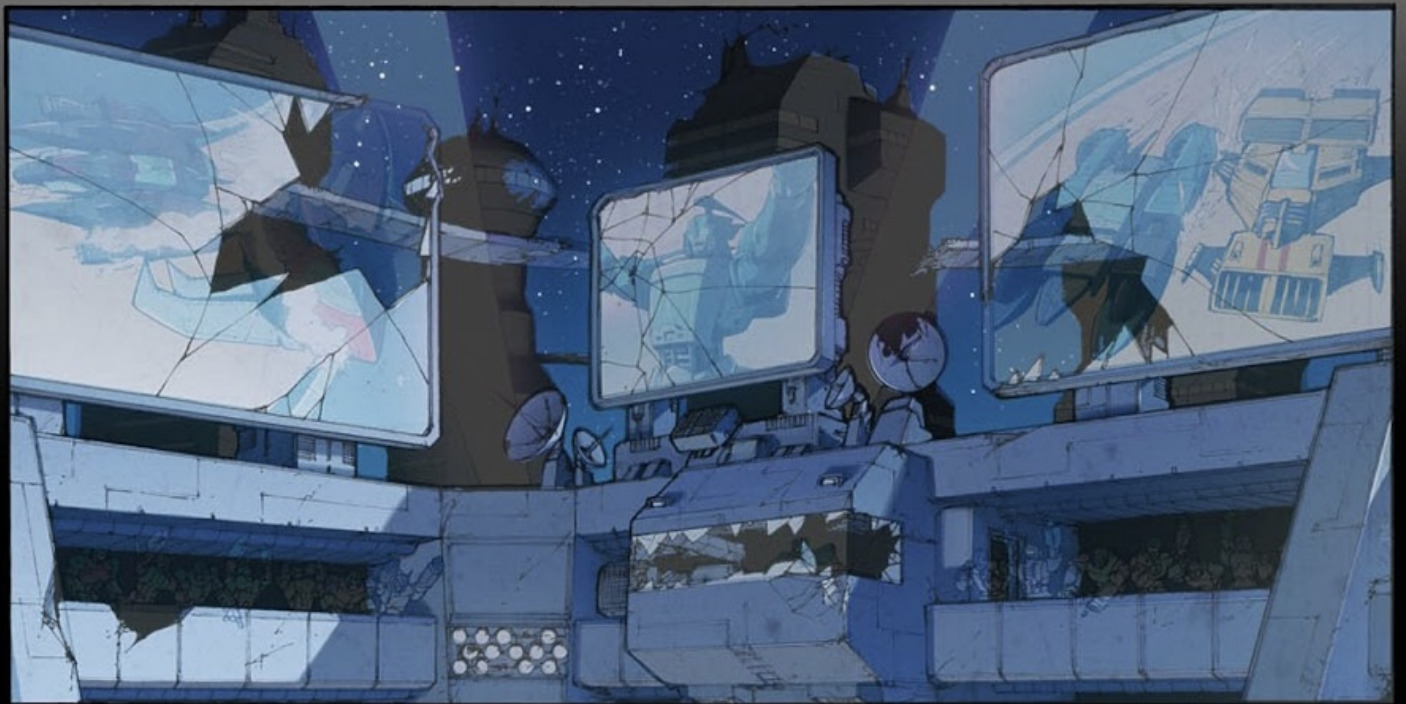
FROM THOSE BRAVE 'BOTS
WORKING TIRELESSLY ON
OUR MINING COLONIES...



...TO THE BRIGHT
SPARKS CONDUCTING
EXPERIMENTS IN OUR
SCIENCE SATELLITES...

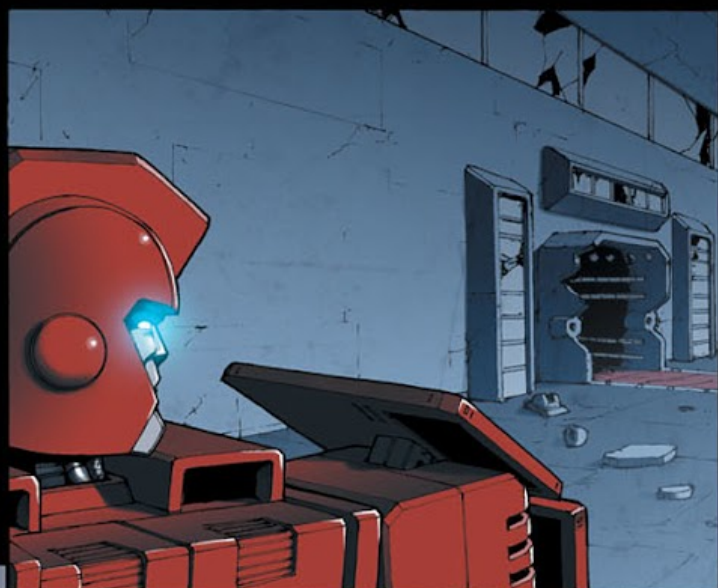


...ALL THE LIFE IN THE
UNIVERSE IS FOCUSED
HERE, ON THIS
MOMENT IN TIME!





CHAPTER TWO: "IRON IN THE BLOOD"





ONE OF THE FINEST—
AND MOST RUTHLESS—
RACERS TO EVER HAVE
SET WHEEL TO TRACK,
DRAG STRIP HAS
SCORCHED HIS WAY TO
VICTORY IN OVER SIX
THOUSAND RACES!

RETURNING TO THE TRACK
AFTER SEVERAL CYCLES'
ABSENCE, DRAG STRIP
IS A CONTROVERSIAL
FIGURE, SO GET THOSE
MEDIA-FEEDS READY
FOR A CLOSE-UP, BECAUSE
WHEN DRAG HITS THE
TRACK, THE COMPETITION
GETS *STRIPPED*!

DRAG!

DRAG!



ALL RIGHT.
KEEP BACK.

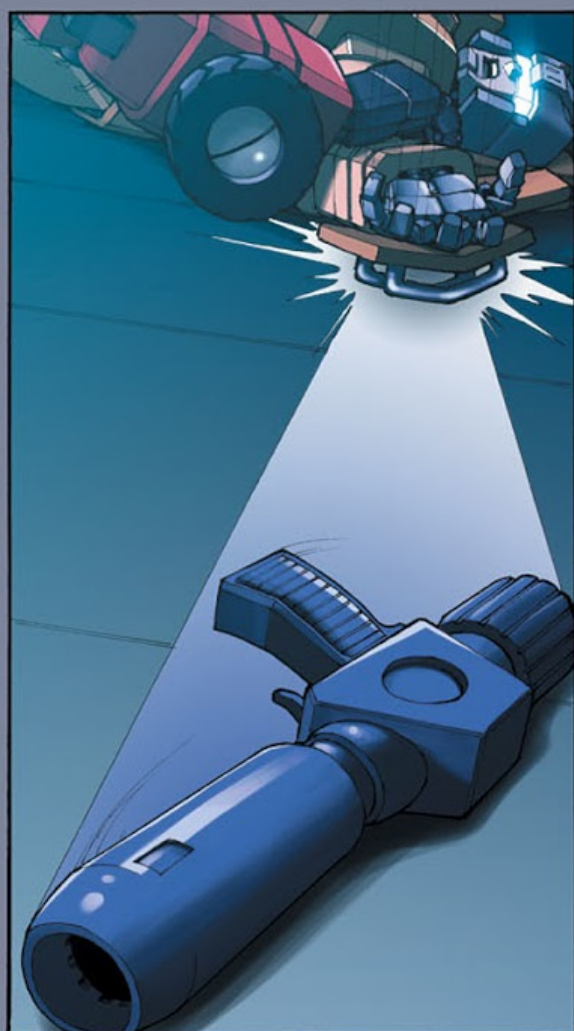
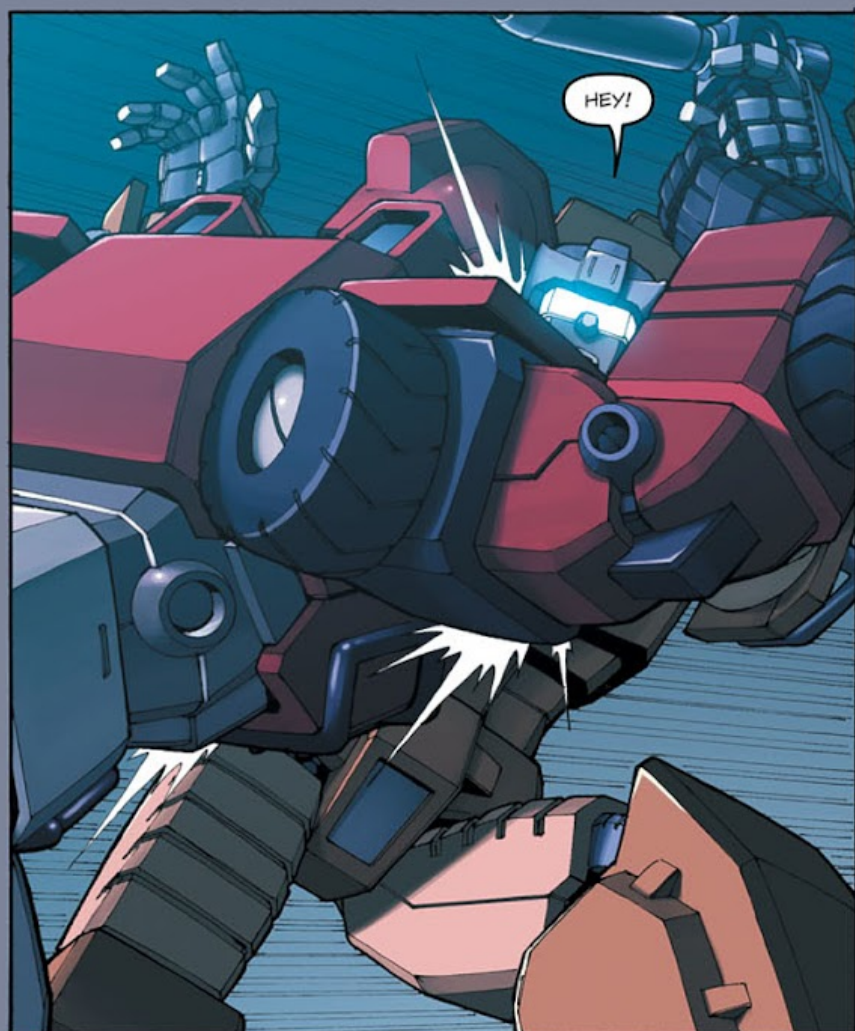
DRAG!
OVER HERE!

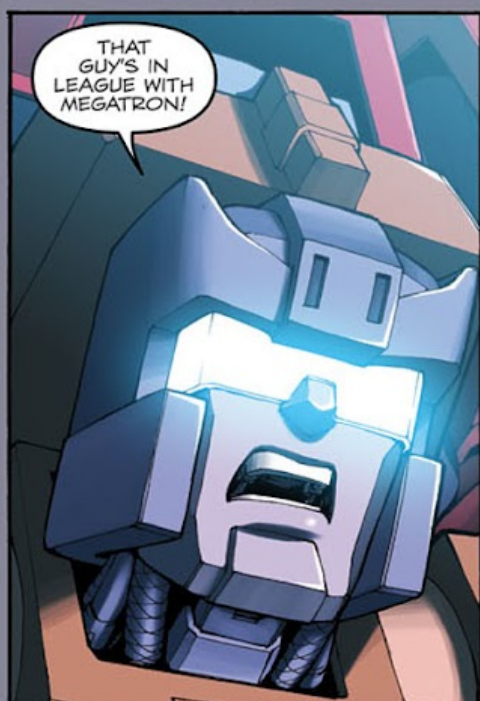
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AUTOGRAPHS.

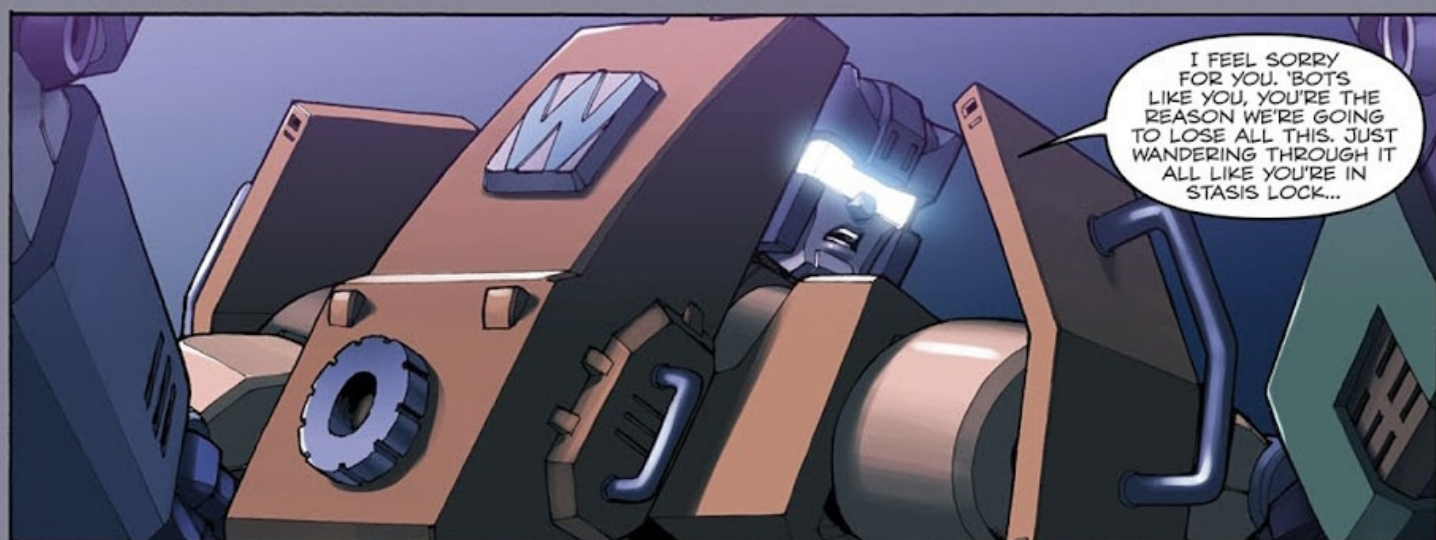


HEY,
STOP—UNGH!

GUN!







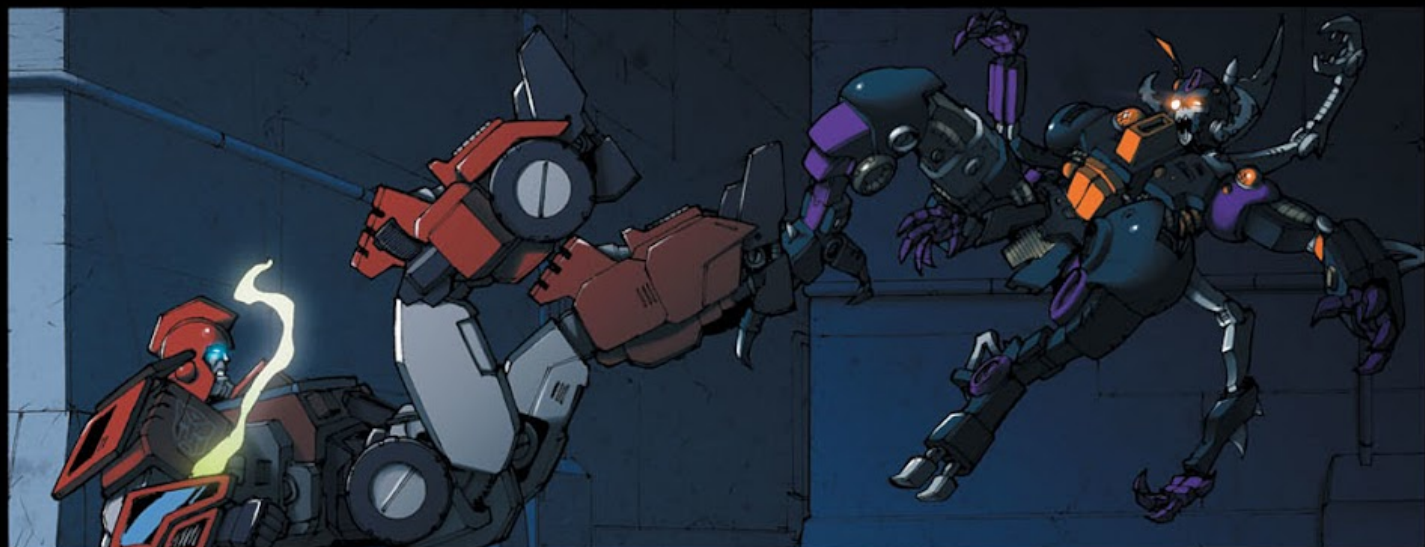
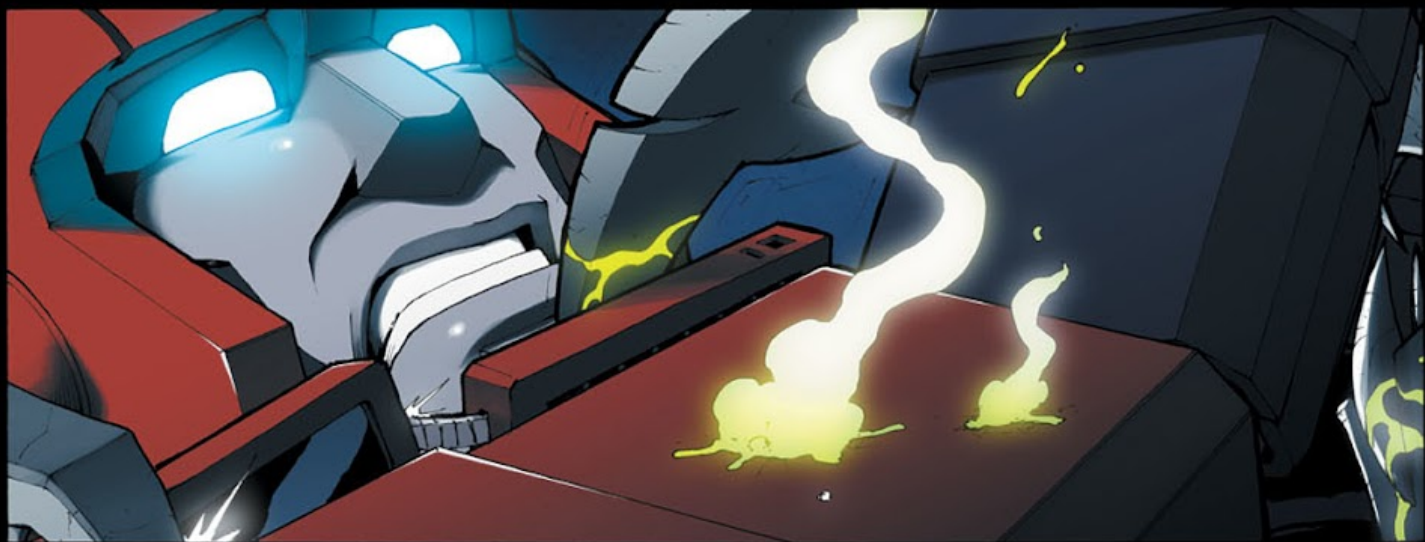
"WAKE UP"? HA.



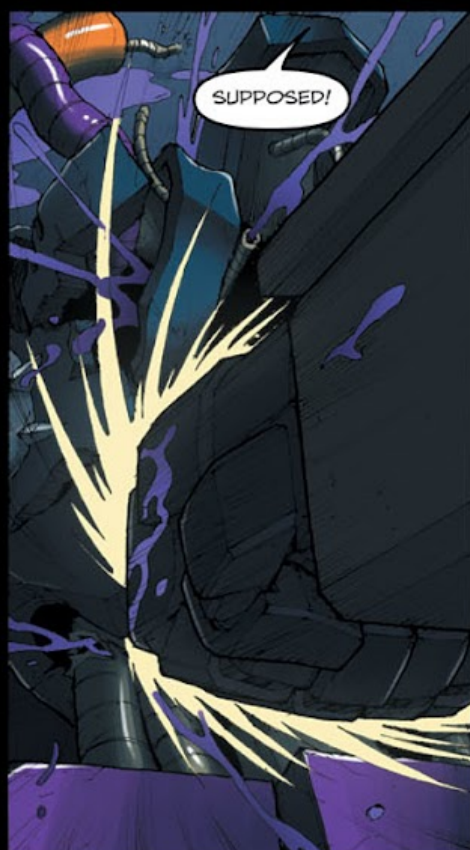
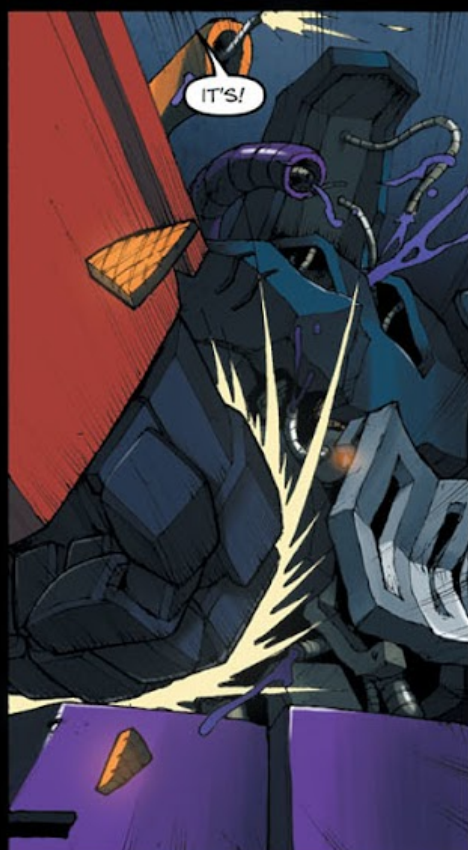
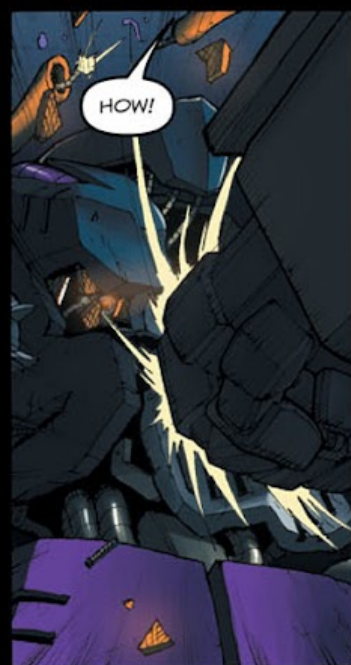
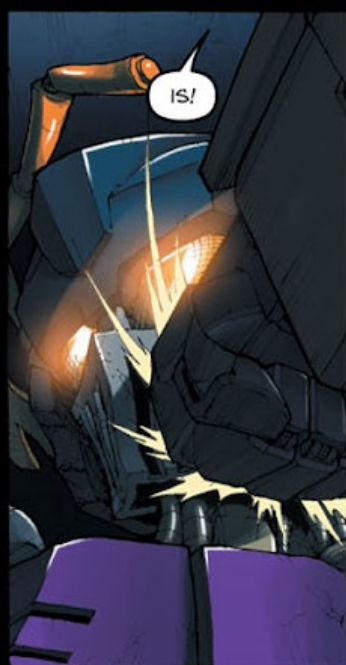


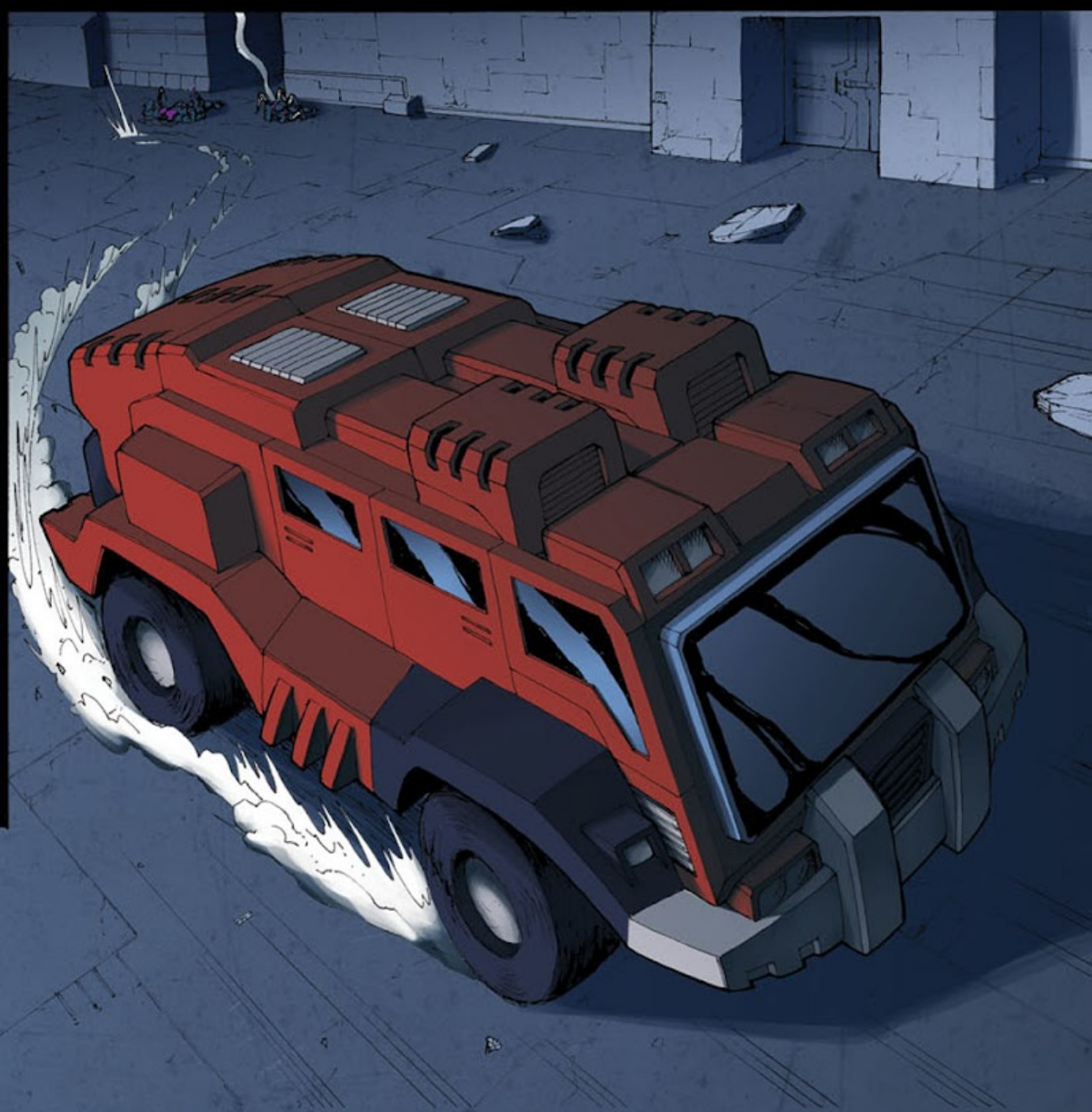














THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE HERE. SOMEBODY ELSE.



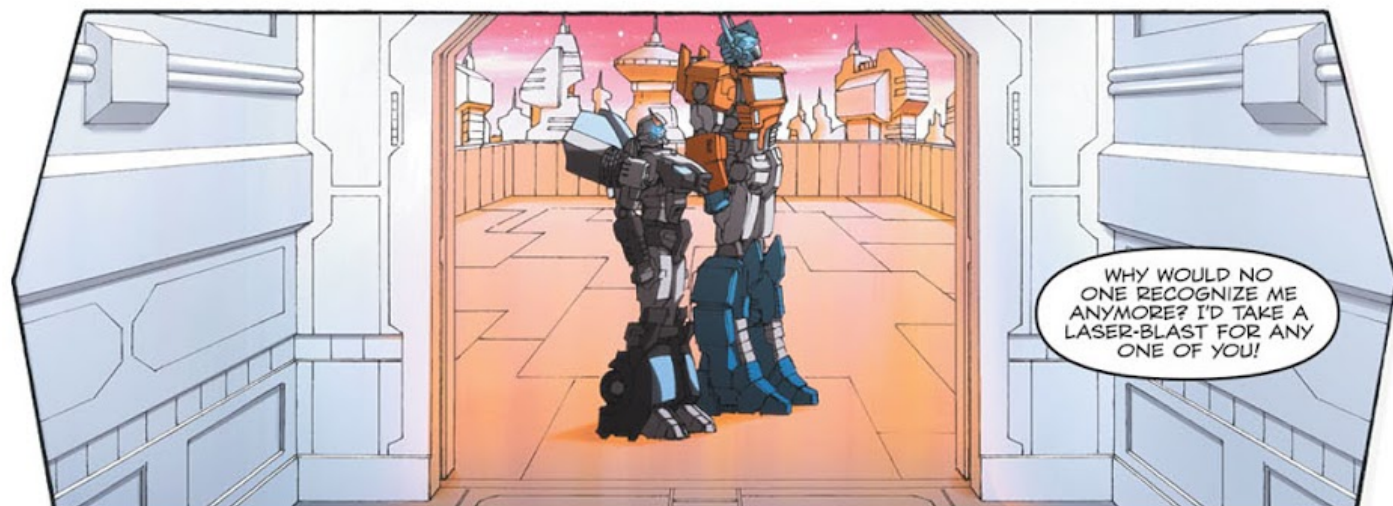
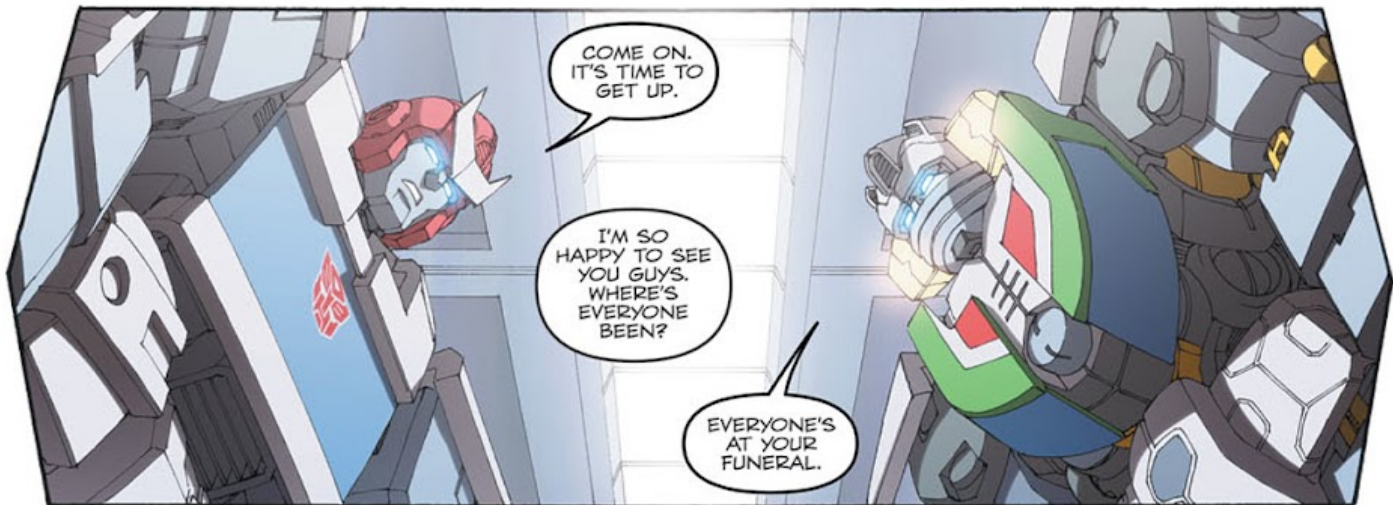
IT CAN'T BE THAT EVERYONE IS DEAD. EVERYONE IS DEAD AND THERE'S ONLY MONSTERS LEFT.

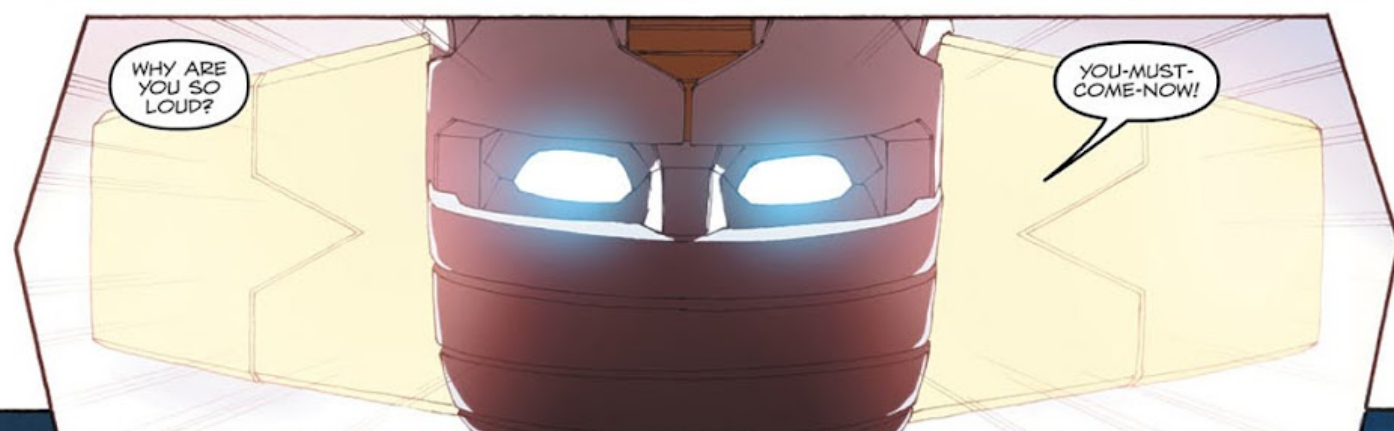
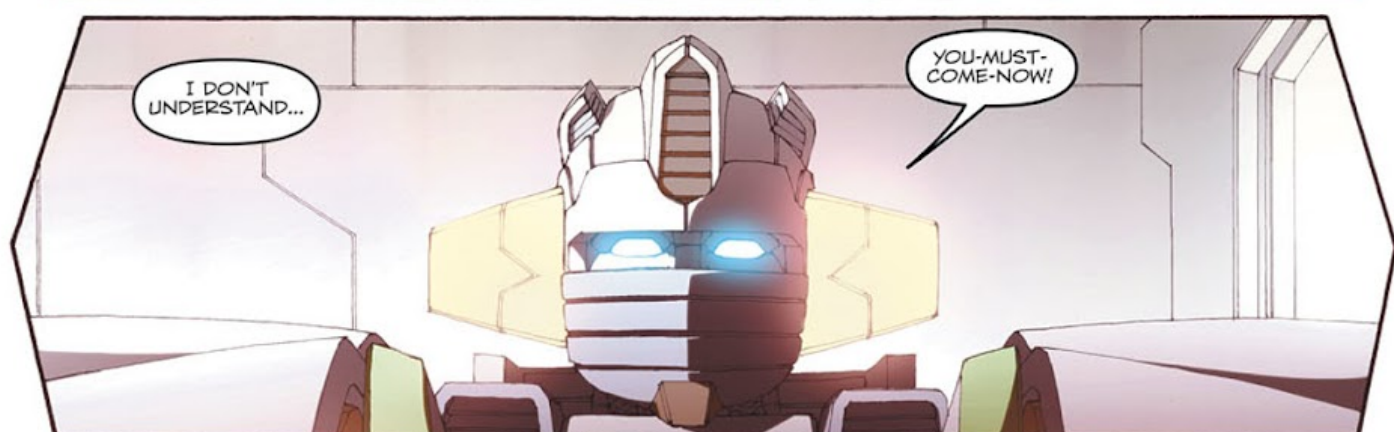


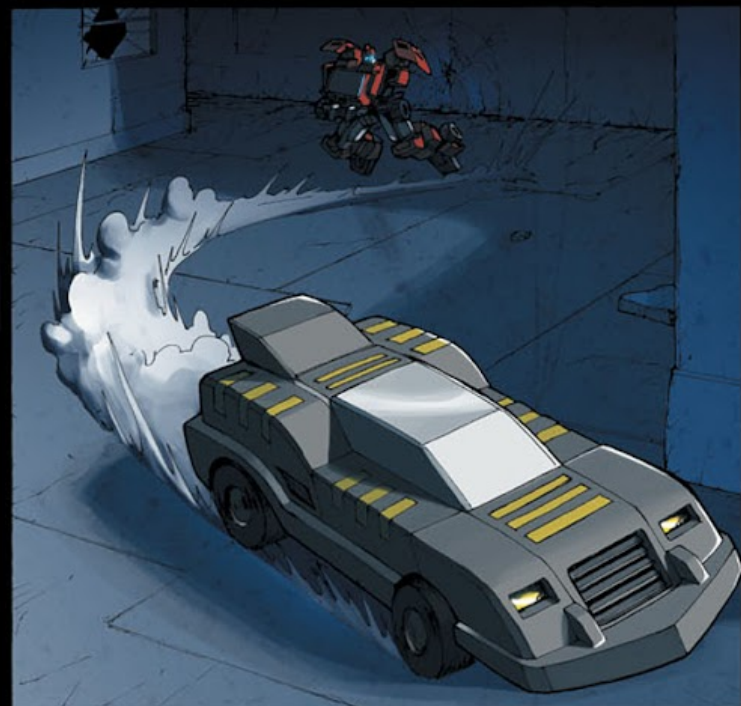
NOT JUST MONSTERS. THERE HAS TO BE.



THERE HAS TO BE—











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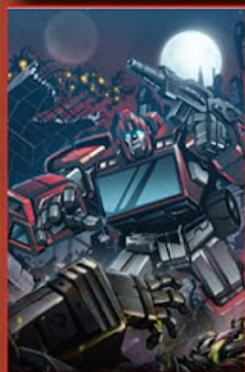
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Stranded on a dead and deserted Cybertron with no memory of the past 4 million years, Ironhide struggles to understand what has happened to his homeland, which now seems to only be populated by the deadly SWARM of mindless insecticons, and a robotic drone with a very limited vocabulary, who has led Ironhide to the one area of the city that, mysteriously, has power...



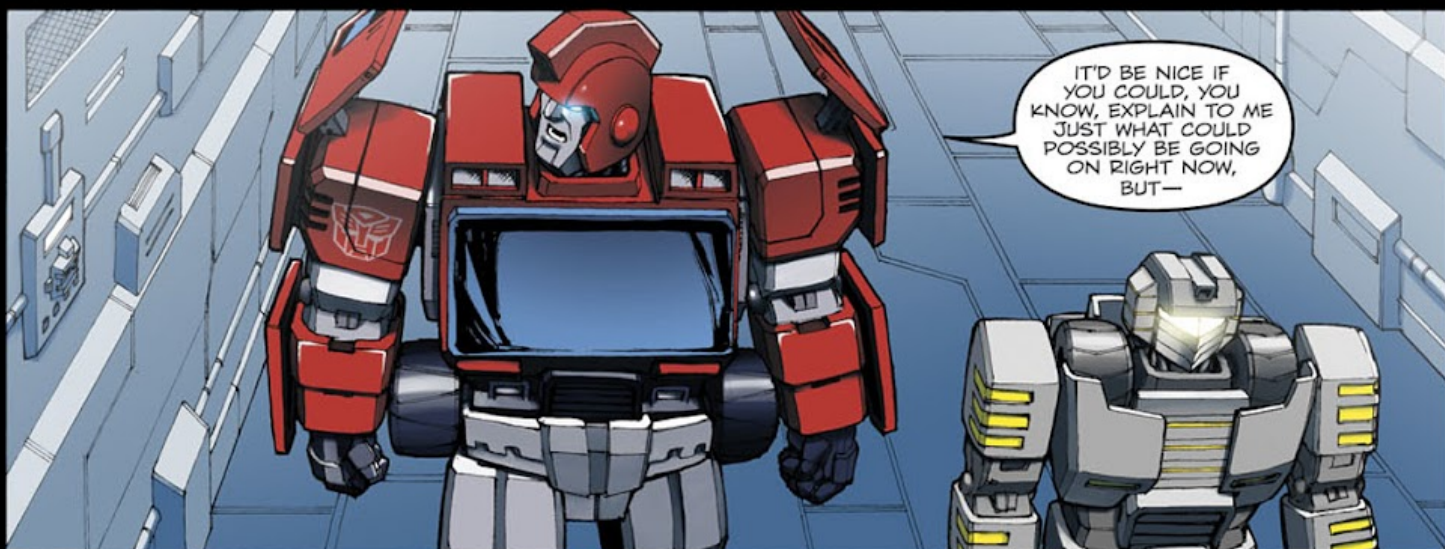
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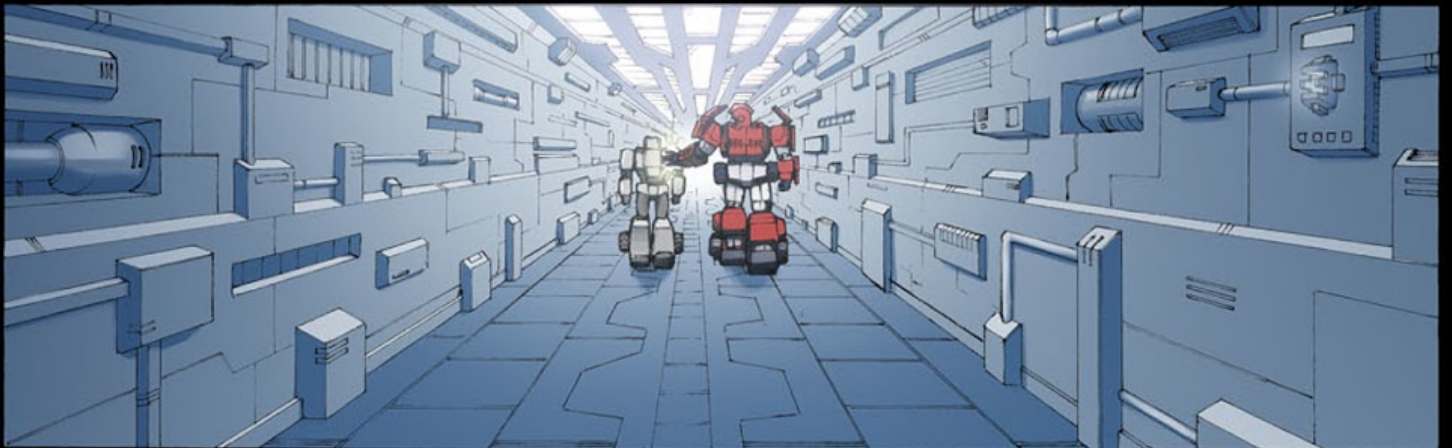
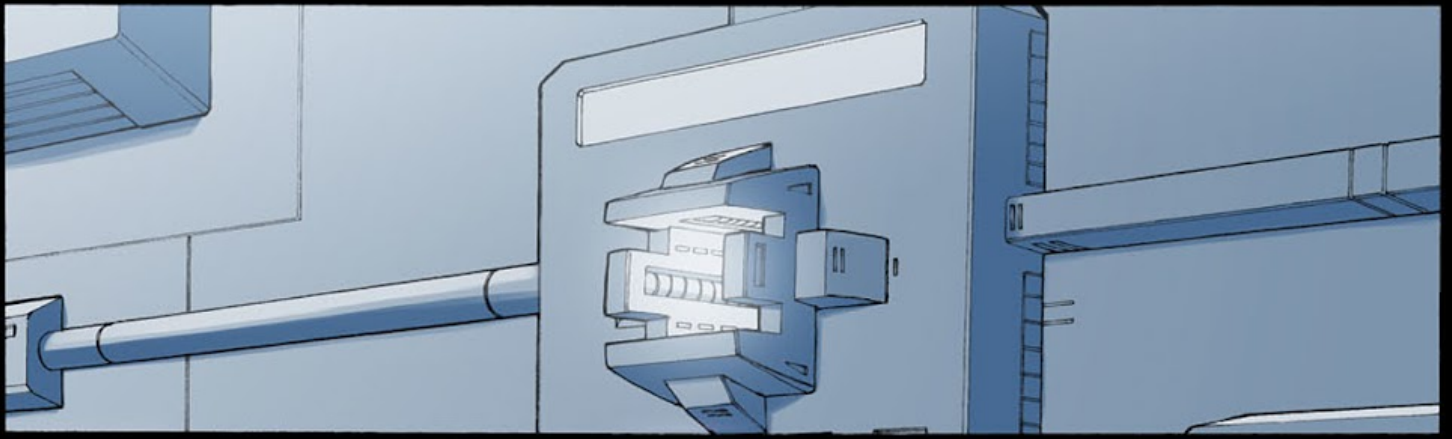
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CHAPTER THREE: "IRONING OUT THE DETAILS"





YES. I'VE BROUGHT YOU BACK TO LIFE. SORRY MY PAGE WASN'T THERE WHEN YOU AWOKE. HE WAS ON ANOTHER MISSION FOR ME.



WOW. THAT WOUND WAS MORTAL? I USED TO TAKE HITS LIKE THAT ONE ALL THE TIME.



WELL, THANKS. SO, WHERE IS EVERYBODY? THEY HAVE TO EVACUATE THE CITY?



THE PLANET, ACTUALLY. THEY HAD TO EVACUATE THE *PLANET*.



WHAT? HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN OUT? WHY WAS I LEFT BEHIND? WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?



WHY IS THIS THE ONLY PLACE ON THE PLANET WITH POWER? IS THIS THE LAUNCH SITE TO REJOIN THEM?

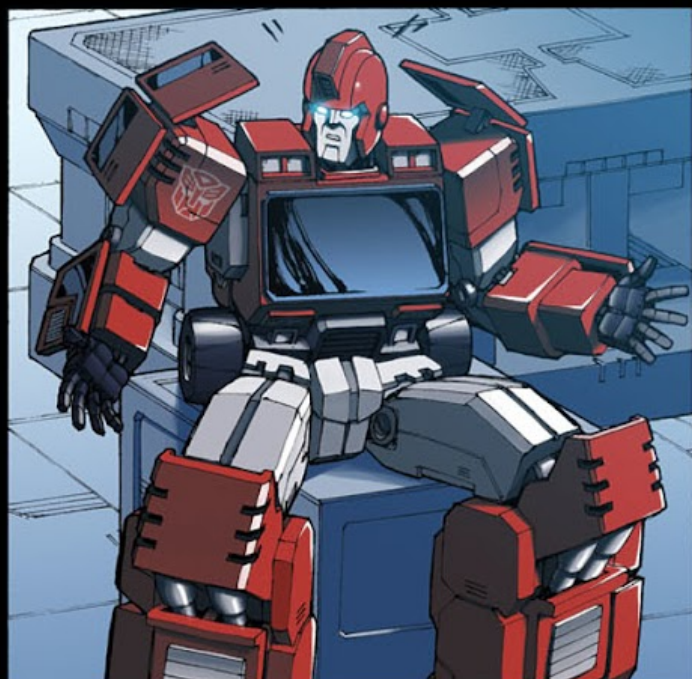


AND WHAT... ARE YOU **WEARING** SOMETHING?



YES. THIS IS TO GUARD AGAINST ELECTROMAGNETIC ATTACK. OBVIOUSLY.

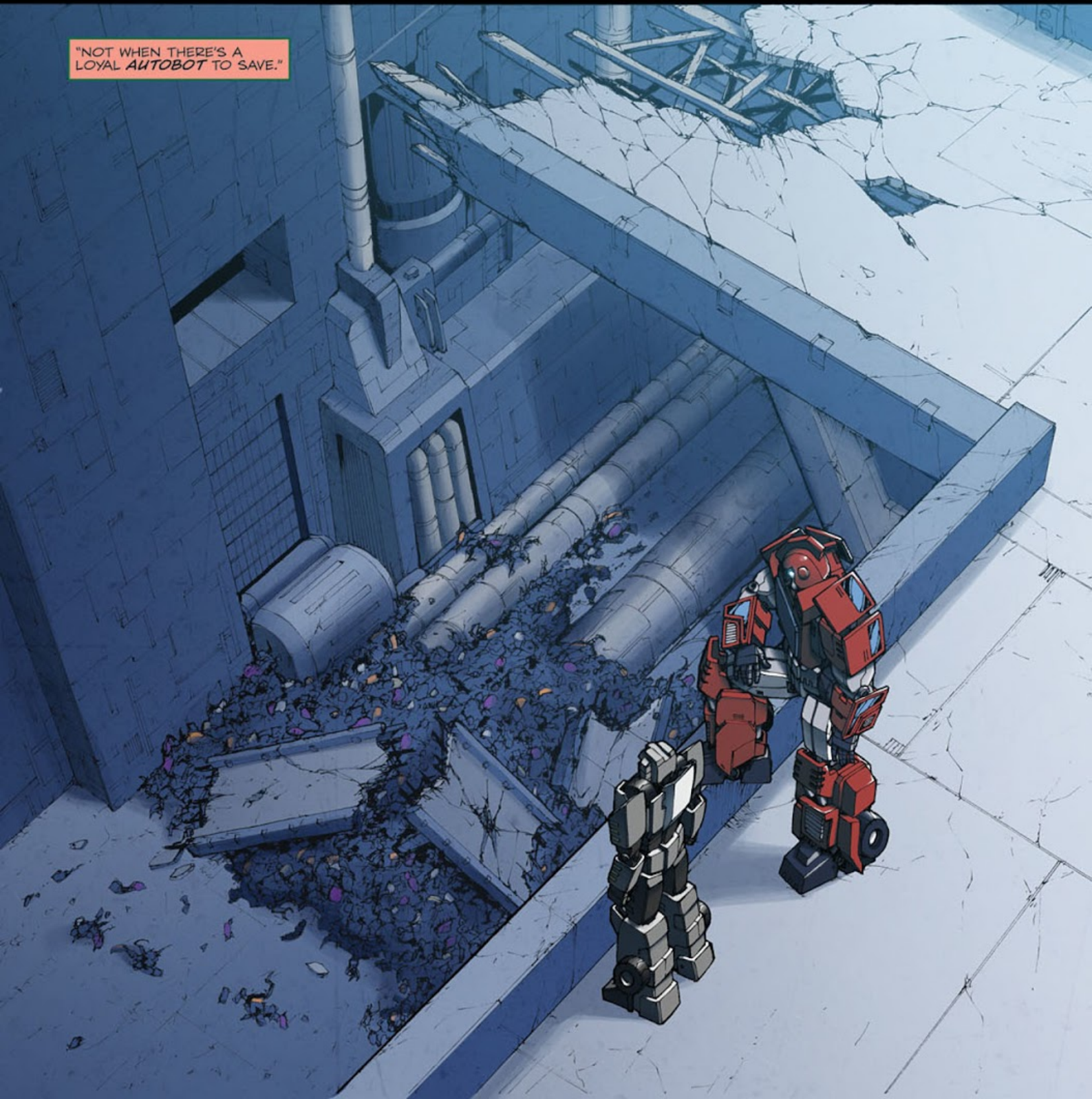
I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. LET ME TRY TO EXPLAIN SOME THINGS TO YOU.



















IT WASSSS...
IT WAS JUST
THE HUMANSSSS.
WHAT THEY DID
TO MEE...



I COULDN'T... I
JUST COULDN'T
FORGET.

LOOK, I'M
SORRY, PAL, BUT I
DON'T KNOW WHAT
"HUMANS" ARE. BUT
THEY SOUND PRETTY
HORRIBLE, SO
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT.

IT'S NOT
GONNA BE
EASY GETTIN'
OUTTA HERE.



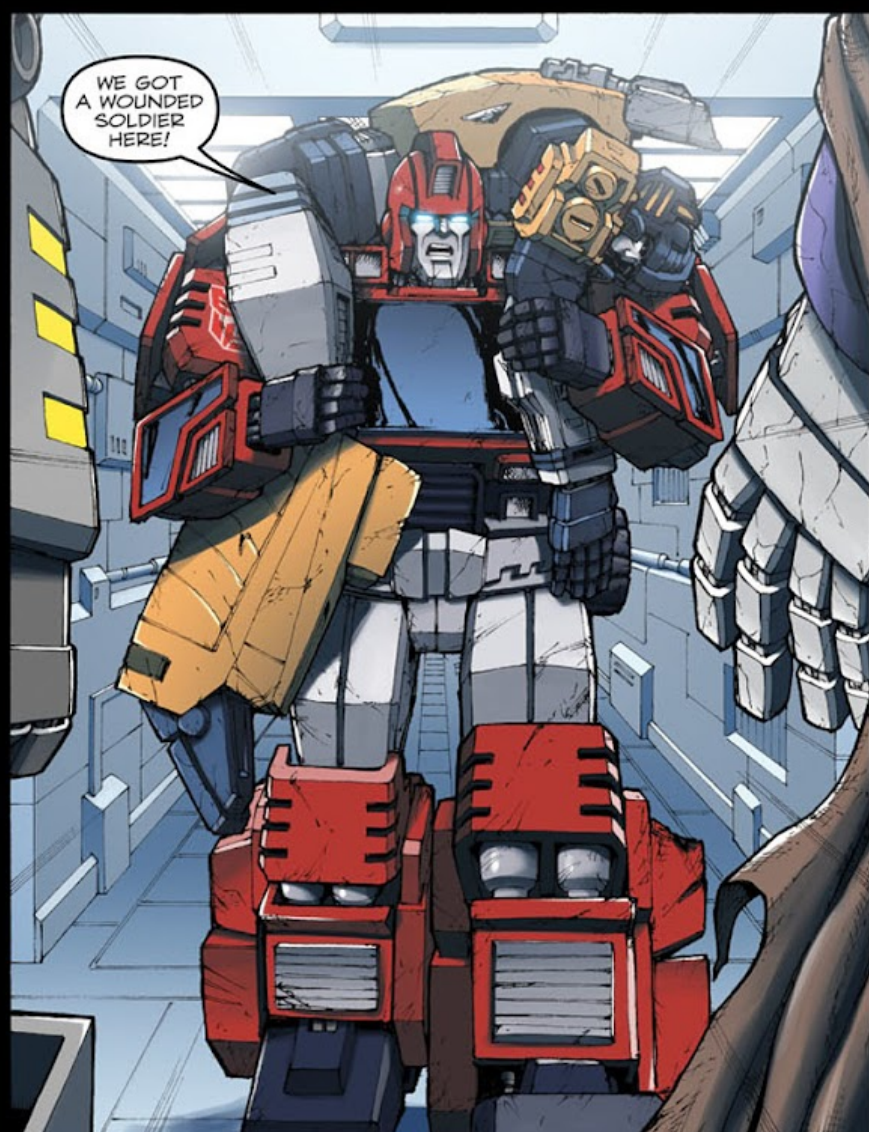
UH-OH.

SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEE



WE'RE IN
SOME TROUBLE
NOW, BUDDY.
HANG ON.









A YEAR AGO, YOU WERE KILLED. ON A DISTANT PLANET. AND, FINALLY, I WAS ABLE TO REVIVE YOU AGAIN. SO YOUR COMRADE IS JUST REMEMBERING THE "OLD" YOU.



I... I'M HAVING A HARD TIME FOLLOWING THIS. SO, I DIED AND YOU CAN BRING ME BACK?

NO. AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF CYBERTRON, VECTOR SIGMA WAS ESSENTIALLY ERASED. IT TOOK ME YEARS, AND ALL MY SKILLS, JUST TO RE-CONSTITUTE YOUR MEMORIES.

AND NEARLY THAT LONG TO ASSEMBLE THIS BODY FOR YOU. I ADMIT IT'S NOT PERFECT, BUT HOW CAN YOU COMPLAIN? I BROUGHT YOU BACK TO LIFE. ALPHA TRION HAS DONE A LOT OF AMAZING THINGS, BUT *THIS* ONE WILL LIVE IN LEGEND FOR—



LOOK. STOP. STOP TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF LIKE I'VE HEARD OF YOU.

HE'S HEARD OF ME—

CUT IT OUT!

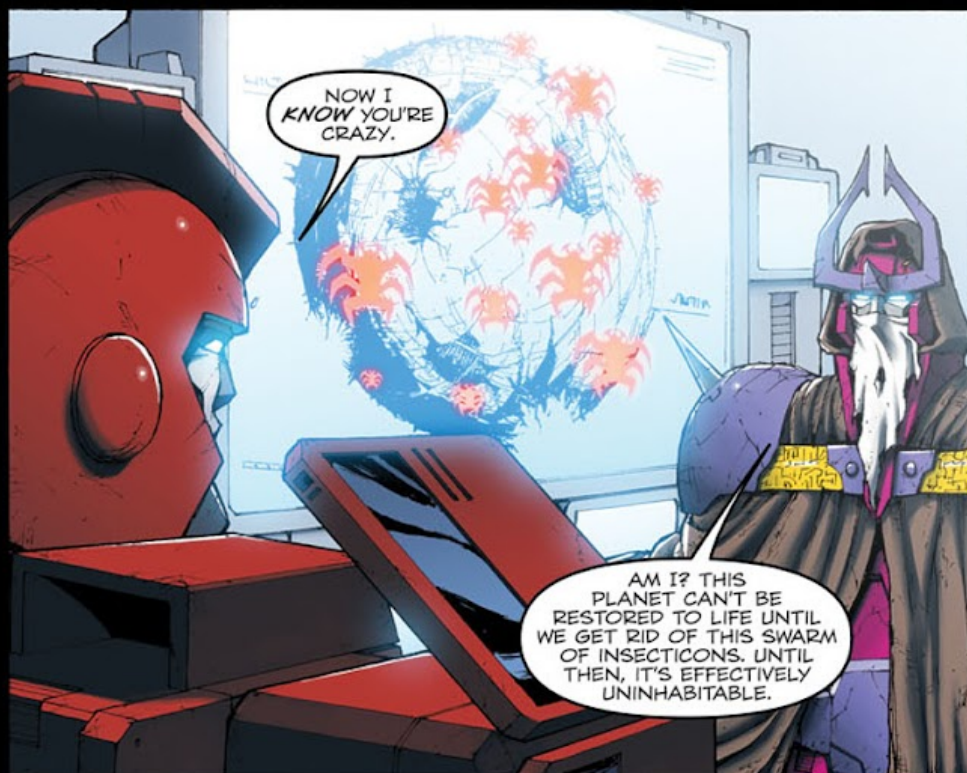


THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! WHY *ME*? I'M JUST A SOLDIER. JUST A BODYGUARD. WHY WOULD YOU GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE JUST FOR *ME*?

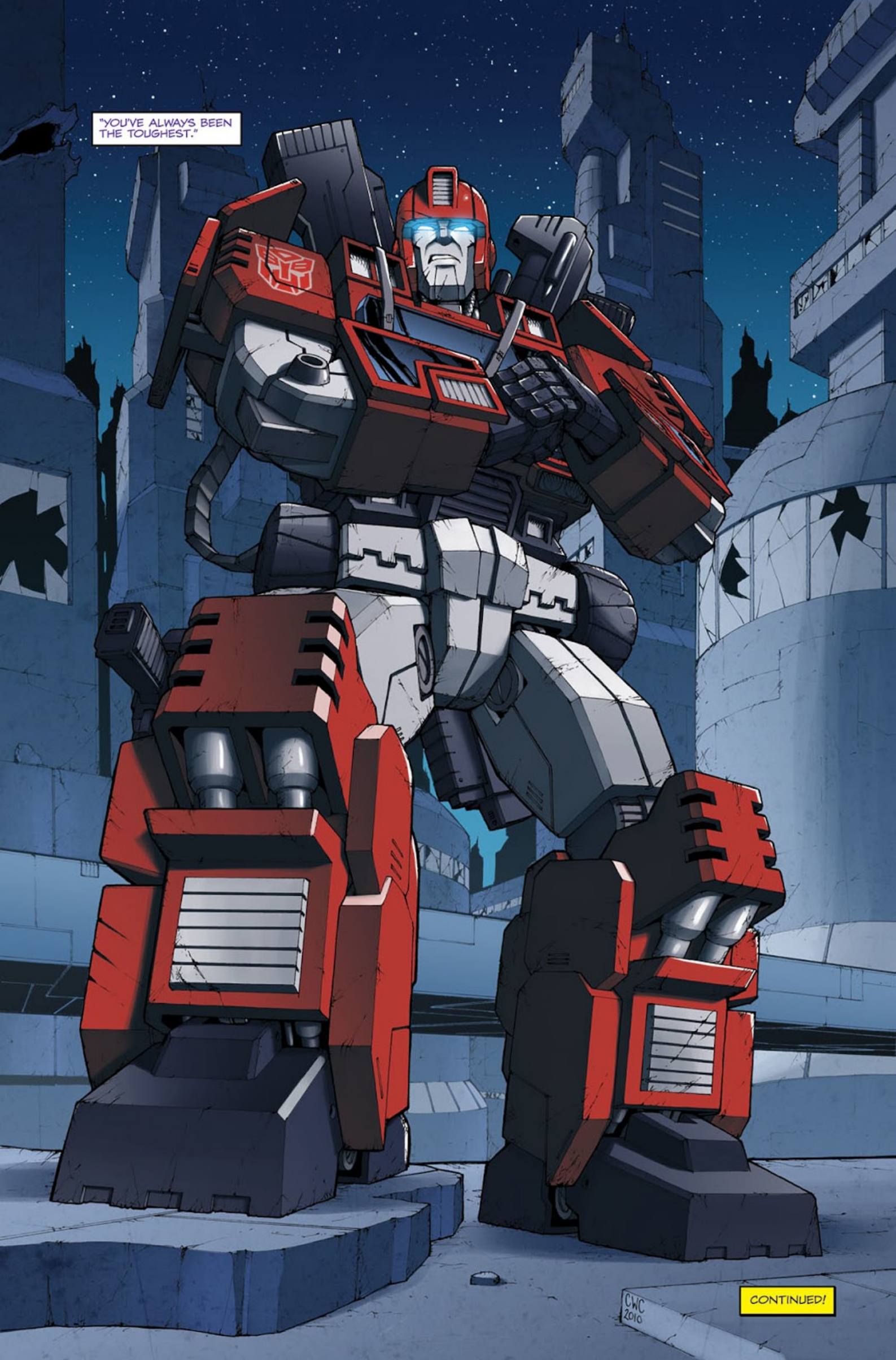
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?



SOMEONE HAS TO SAVE CYBERTRON.



"YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN
THE TOUGHEST."



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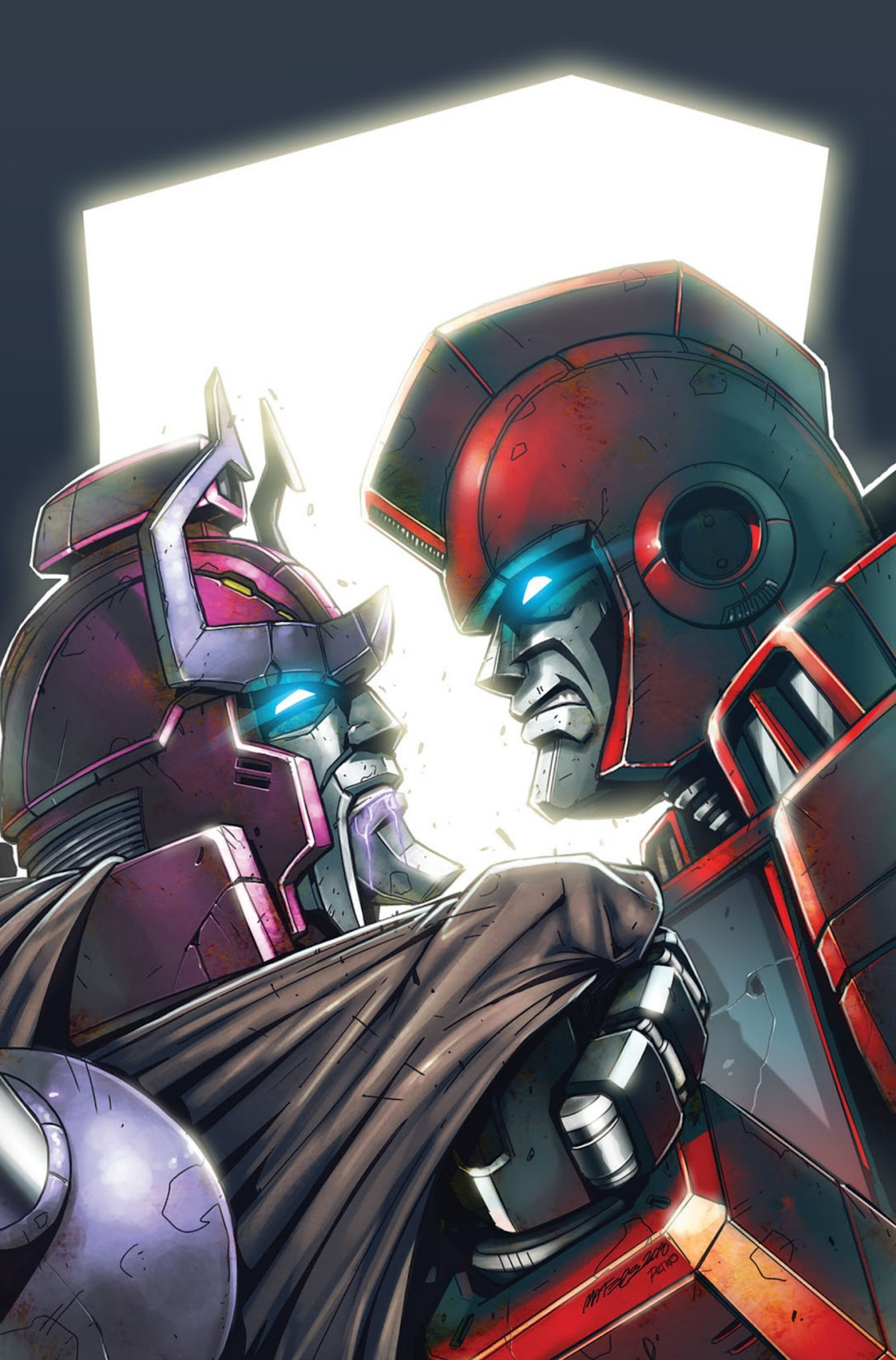
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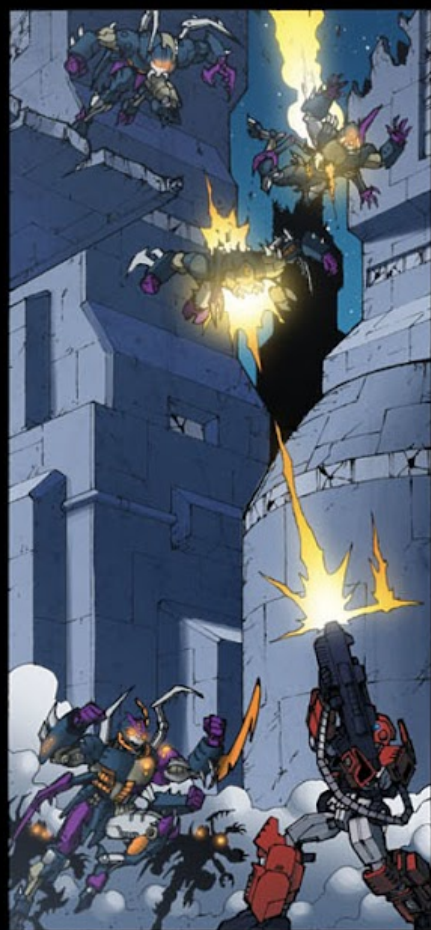
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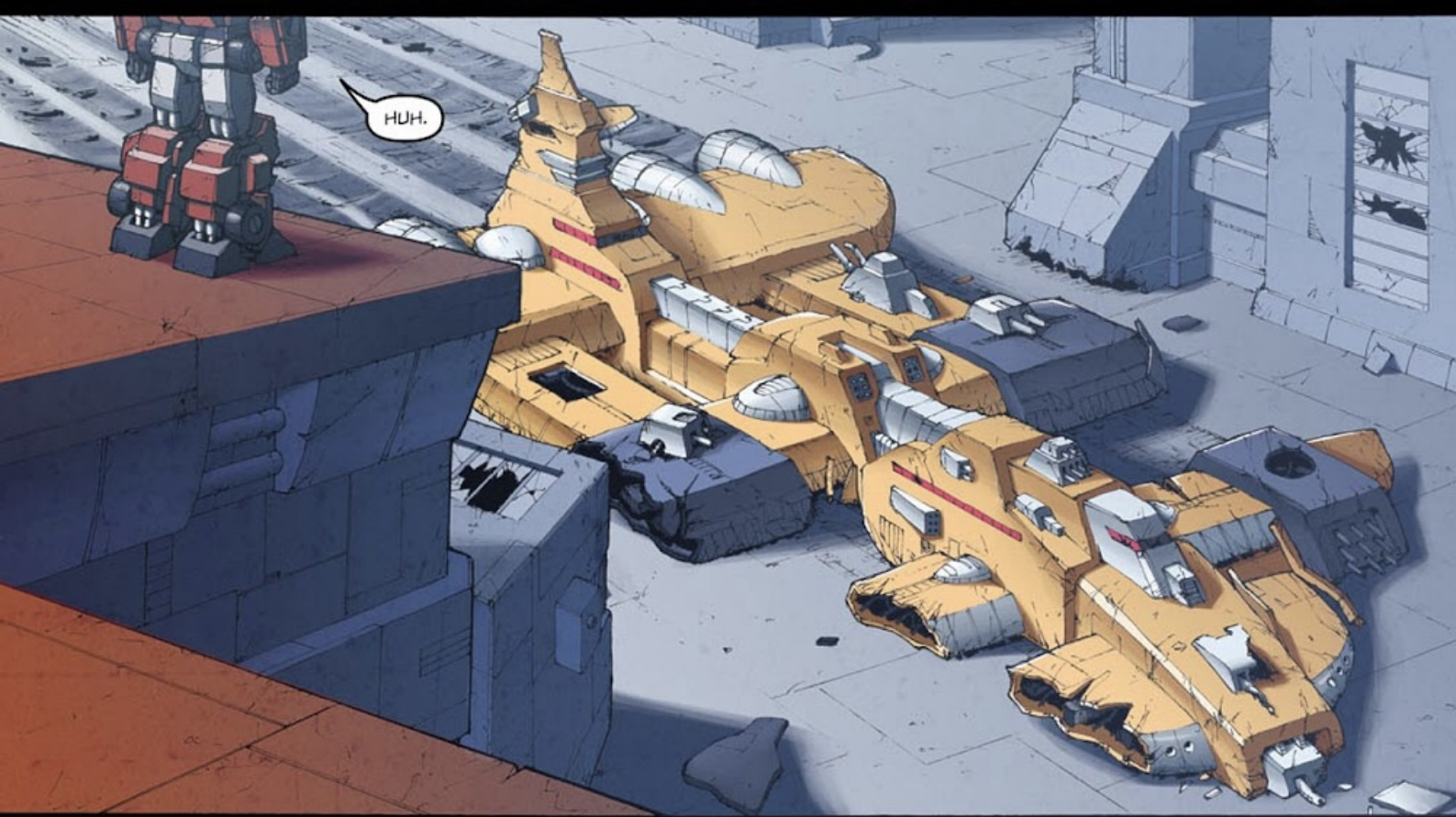
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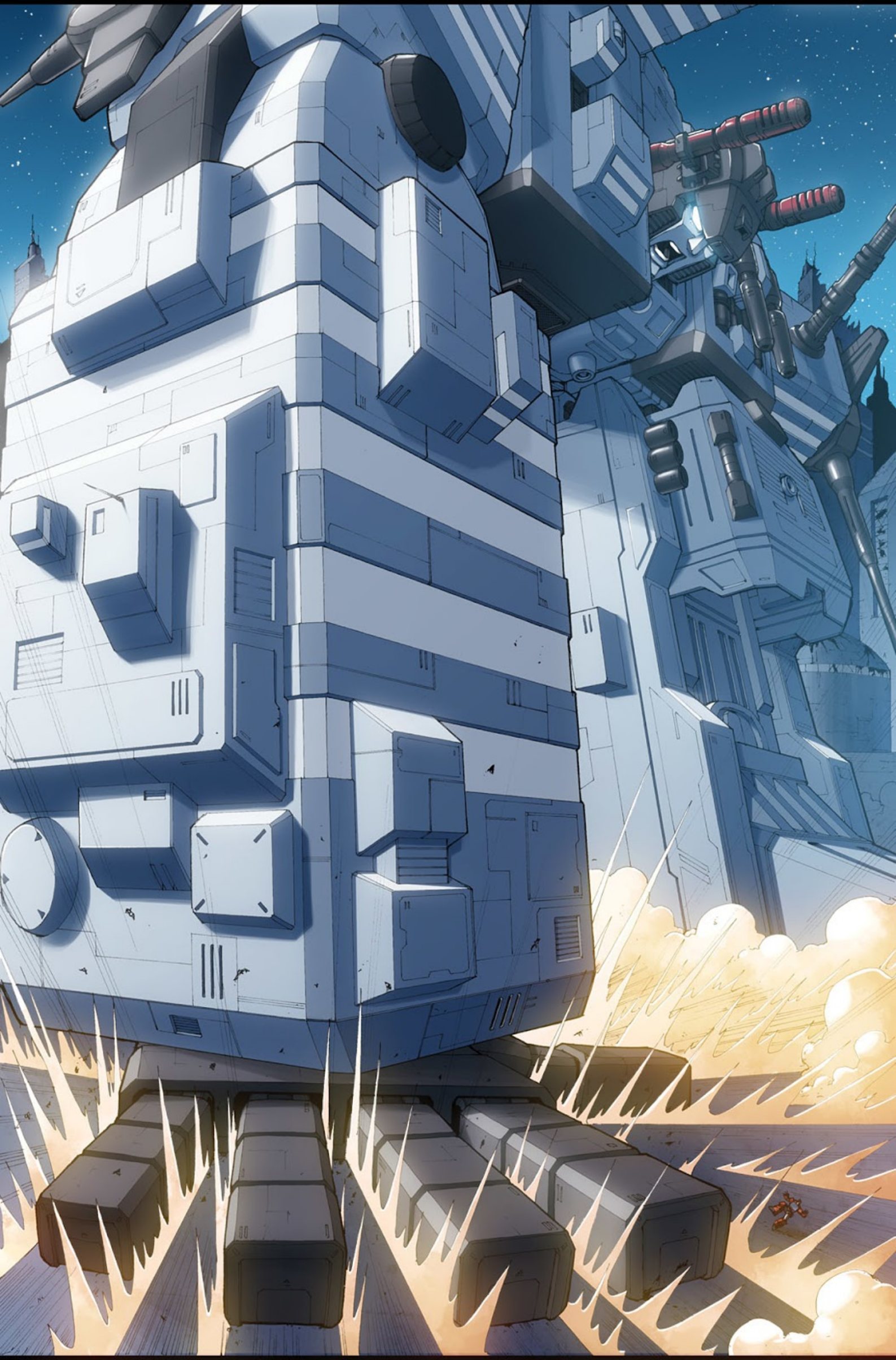








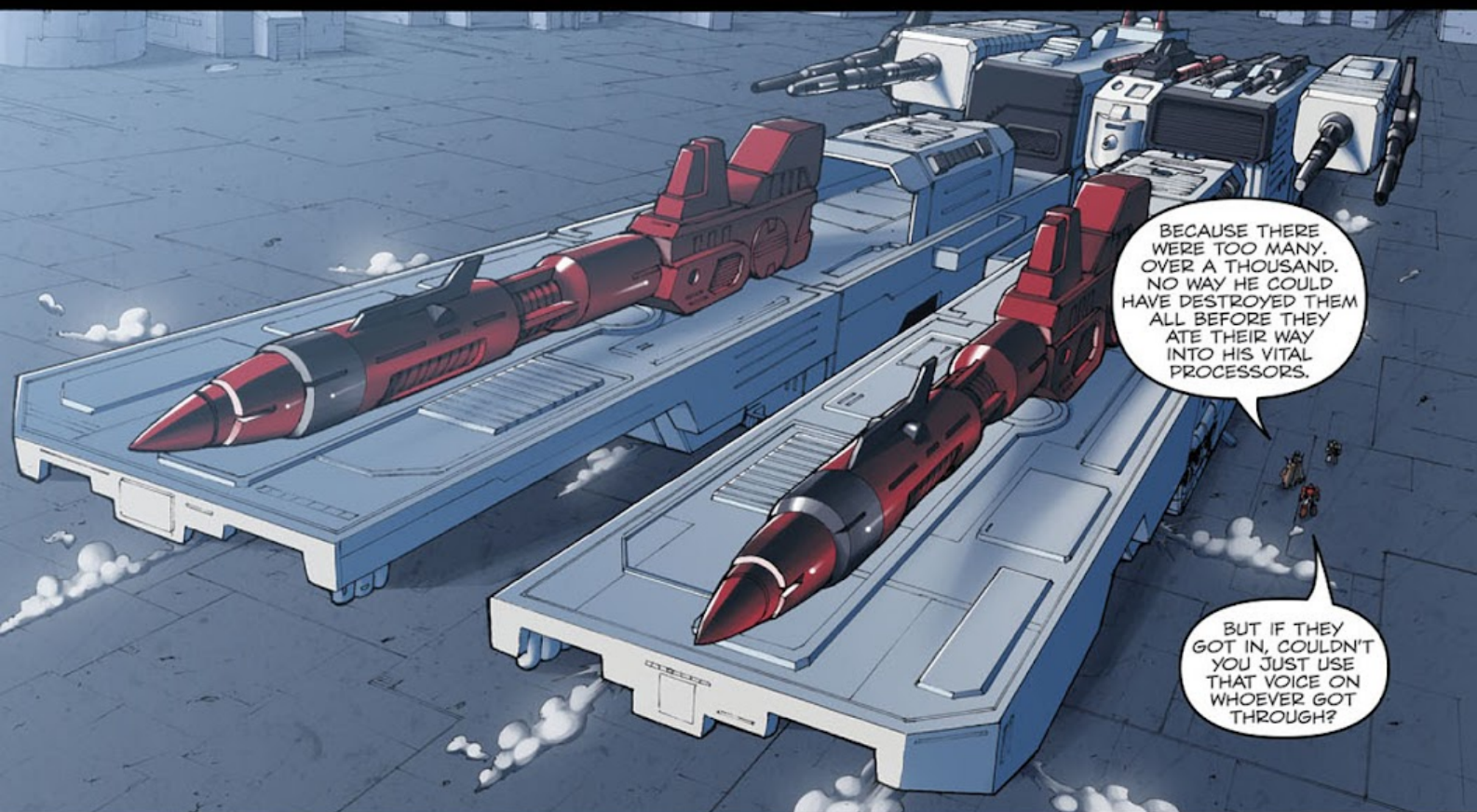








WELL, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST DO THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?! WHY DID I HAVE TO GO OUT THERE AND RISK MY NECK WHEN THIS METROPLEX COULD HAVE JUST SMASHED ALL OF THEM?!



BECAUSE THERE WERE TOO MANY. OVER A THOUSAND. NO WAY HE COULD HAVE DESTROYED THEM ALL BEFORE THEY ATE THEIR WAY INTO HIS VITAL PROCESSORS.

BUT IF THEY GOT IN, COULDN'T YOU JUST USE THAT VOICE ON WHOEVER GOT THROUGH?



ME? FIGHT THEM?!

I'M ALPHA TRION!



BY THE WAY, I FIXED YOUR FRIEND.



IRONHIDE... HEY.





SO, WHAT'S
THE PLAN?
WHAT NEXT?



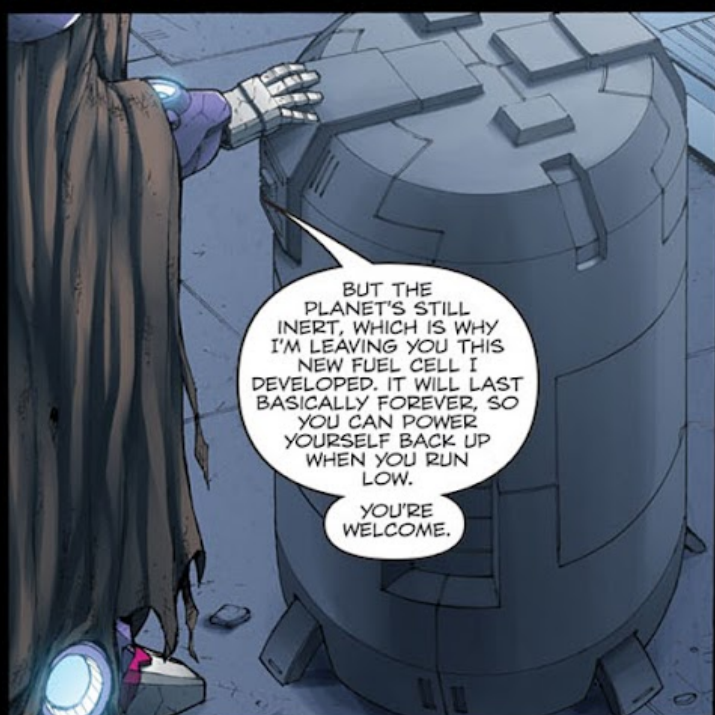
WE'RE
LEAVING.

GREAT.
WHERE'RE WE
GOING?



NO, NO.
"WE"—
METROPLEX
AND I, NOT
"YOU."

YOU'RE STAYING
HERE. THERE ARE
SEVERAL HUNDRED
INSECTICONS STILL ON
THE PLANET—ROGUES
WHO HAVE BEEN SEPARATED
FROM THE MAIN SWARM.
YOU STILL HAVE TO FIND
AND TAKE CARE
OF THEM.



BUT THE
PLANET'S STILL
INERT, WHICH IS WHY
I'M LEAVING YOU THIS
NEW FUEL CELL I
DEVELOPED. IT WILL LAST
BASICALLY FOREVER, SO
YOU CAN POWER
YOURSELF BACK UP
WHEN YOU RUN
LOW.

YOU'RE
WELCOME.



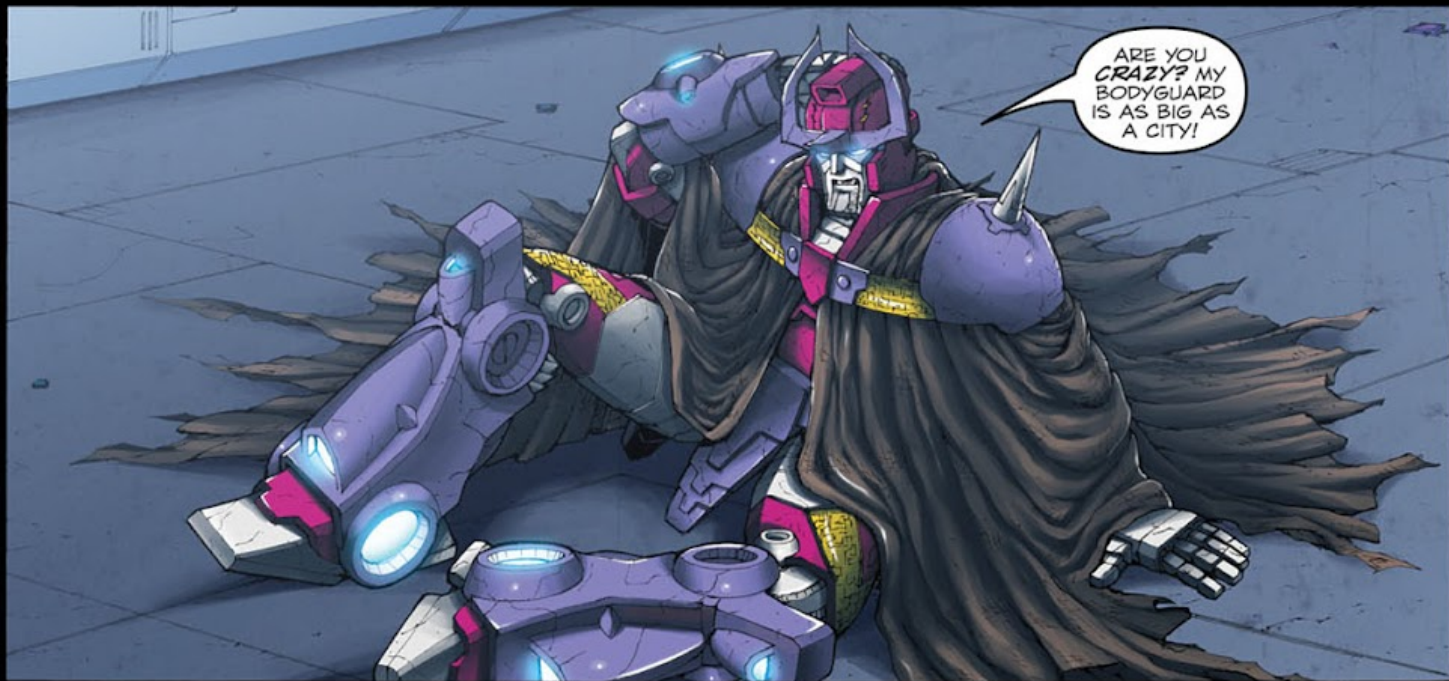
SUNSTREAKER'S
COMING WITH ME, TOO.
HE'S HAD VERY... UNIQUE
EXPERIENCES WITH THE
HUMAN RACE.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...



I KNOW. LOOK,
WHY DON'T WE
SAVE TIME AND YOU
JUST MAKE A LIST OF
ALL THE THINGS YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND?
THAT WAY, I'LL BE ALL
THE WAY TO VARAS
CENTRALUS BEFORE
YOU FINISH.





ARE YOU
CRAZY? MY
BODYGUARD
IS AS BIG AS
A CITY!



YEAH? WELL, I
JUST *KILLED* AN
ENTIRE CITY, SO WHO'S
THE ONE WHO SHOULD
BE SCARED RIGHT
NOW?



WHAT DO YOU WANT
FROM ME, IRONHIDE? YOU
ARE A SOLDIER. IT'S WHAT
YOU'RE BEST AT. WHERE I'M
GOING NEXT HAS NO NEED
OF SOLDIERS, AND,
FRANKLY, YOU'D JUST
BE IN THE WAY.



YOU'RE IN NO
POSITION TO QUESTION
YOUR ORDERS. I'VE BEEN
ON THIS PLANET FOR
DOZENS OF META-CYCLES,
PROCESSING THE CORROSIVE
ELEMENTS OUT OF THE
ATMOSPHERE.

IF I HADN'T
ALREADY BEEN
HERE WHEN
MEGATRON BANISHED
YOU AND YOUR
PEOPLE FROM
EARTH, YOU'D ALL
BE DEAD.



I... DON'T REMEMBER THAT.



I KNOW. YOU'RE A VERY SMALL PIECE IN A VERY LARGE GAME, IRONHIDE. DON'T GO LOSING IT FOR US BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE BIGGER THAN YOUR BRITCHES.

LET'S GO, SUNSTREAKER.



NO. NO, I'M GOING TO STAY.



WHAT? WHY? YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR LEGS STILL DON'T WORK, RIGHT? WHO DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO FIX THOSE? HIM?



LISTEN. I DON'T EXPECT THE TWO OF YOU TO UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT I'VE MADE A LOT OF... SELFISH CHOICES RECENTLY. CHOICES I AM NOT PROUD OF.
IF IRONHIDE HAS WORK TO DO HERE—WORK THAT CAN MAYBE DO SOME GOOD FOR THE AUTOBOTS—I WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT. I NEED TO BE.







SO, I GUESS
IT'S JUST YOU
AND ME NOW,
HUH?

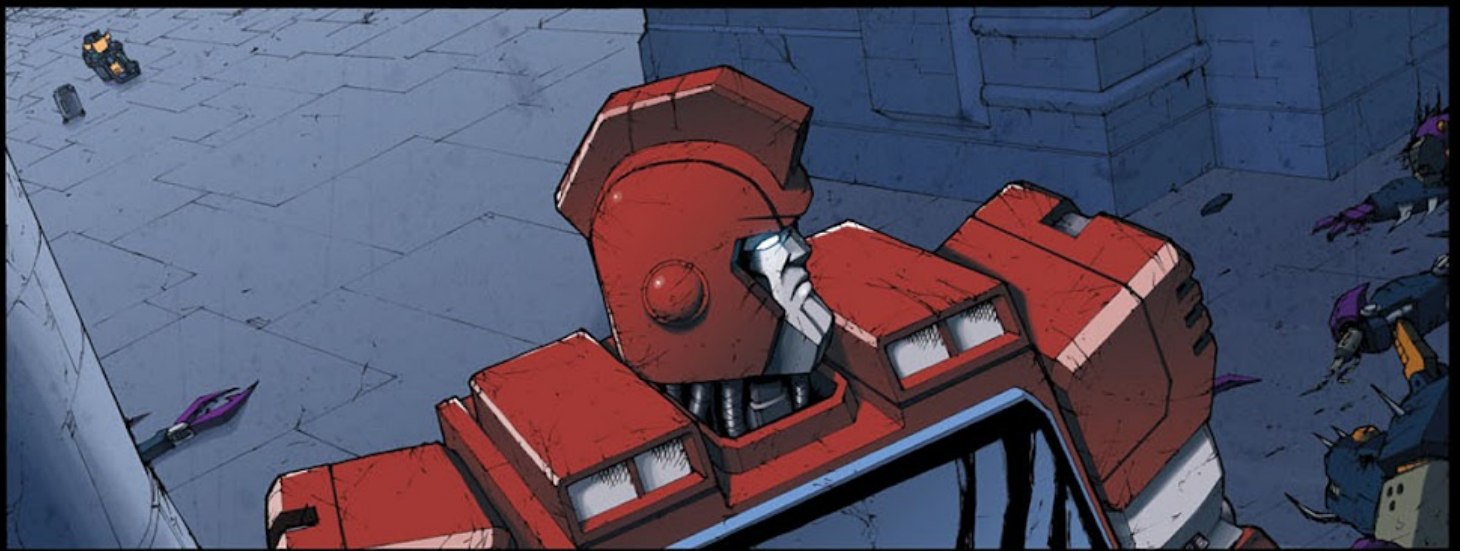
YEAH.



LISTEN, IRONHIDE.
THERE'S SOME STUFF
I NEED TO TELL YOU.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
UNDERSTAND A LOT OF IT
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE
MISSED... BUT I HAVE TO
EXPLAIN MYSELF TO
SOMEONE. I HAVE
TO—



LISTEN,
'STREAKER. WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE
PLENTY OF TIME FOR
YOU TO FILL ME IN ON...
WHATEVER. SO I'M
GOING TO CATCH UP
WITH YOU LATER,
OKAY?



CHAPTER FOUR: "ANY OLD IRON"



THE END.